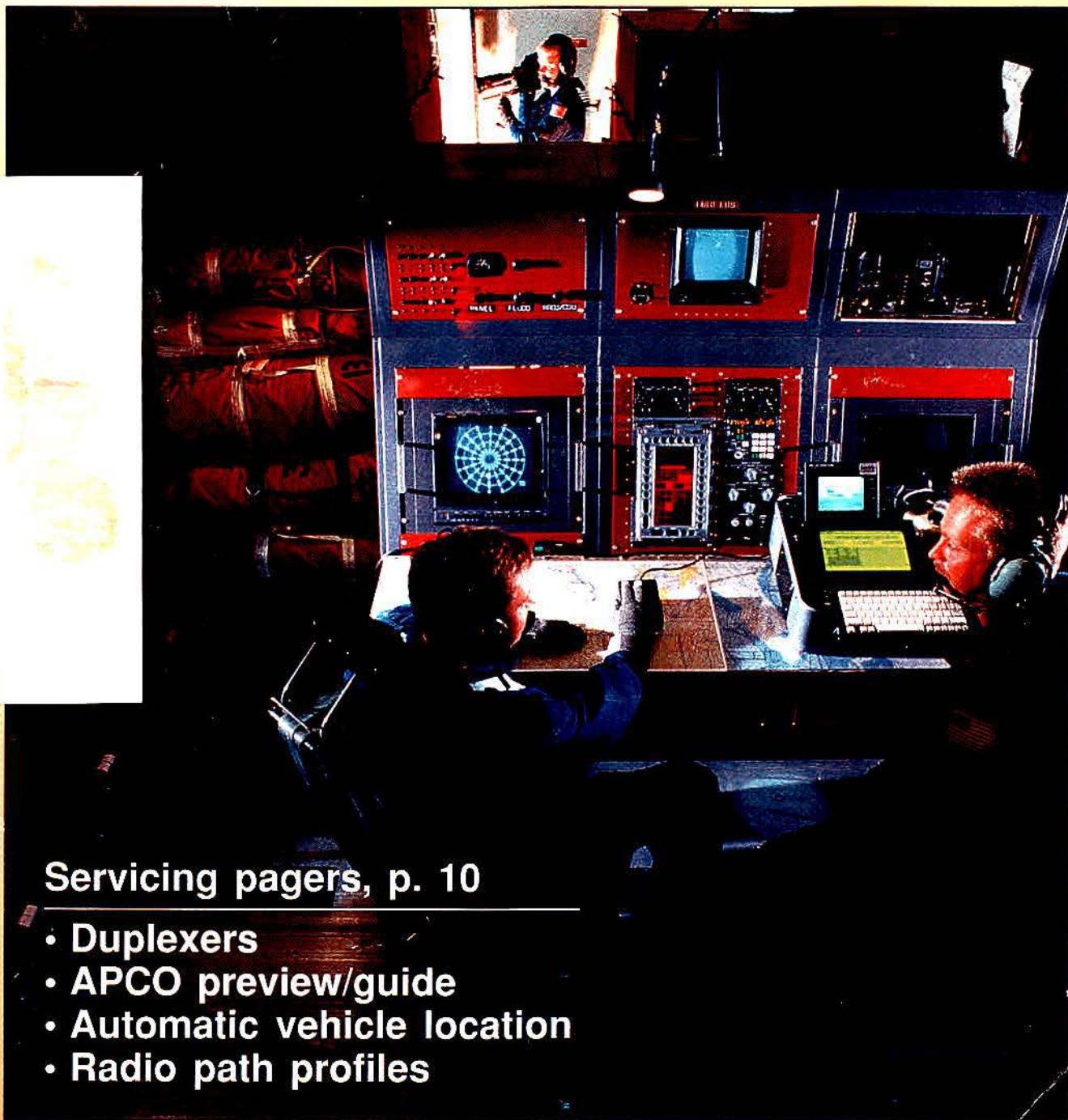


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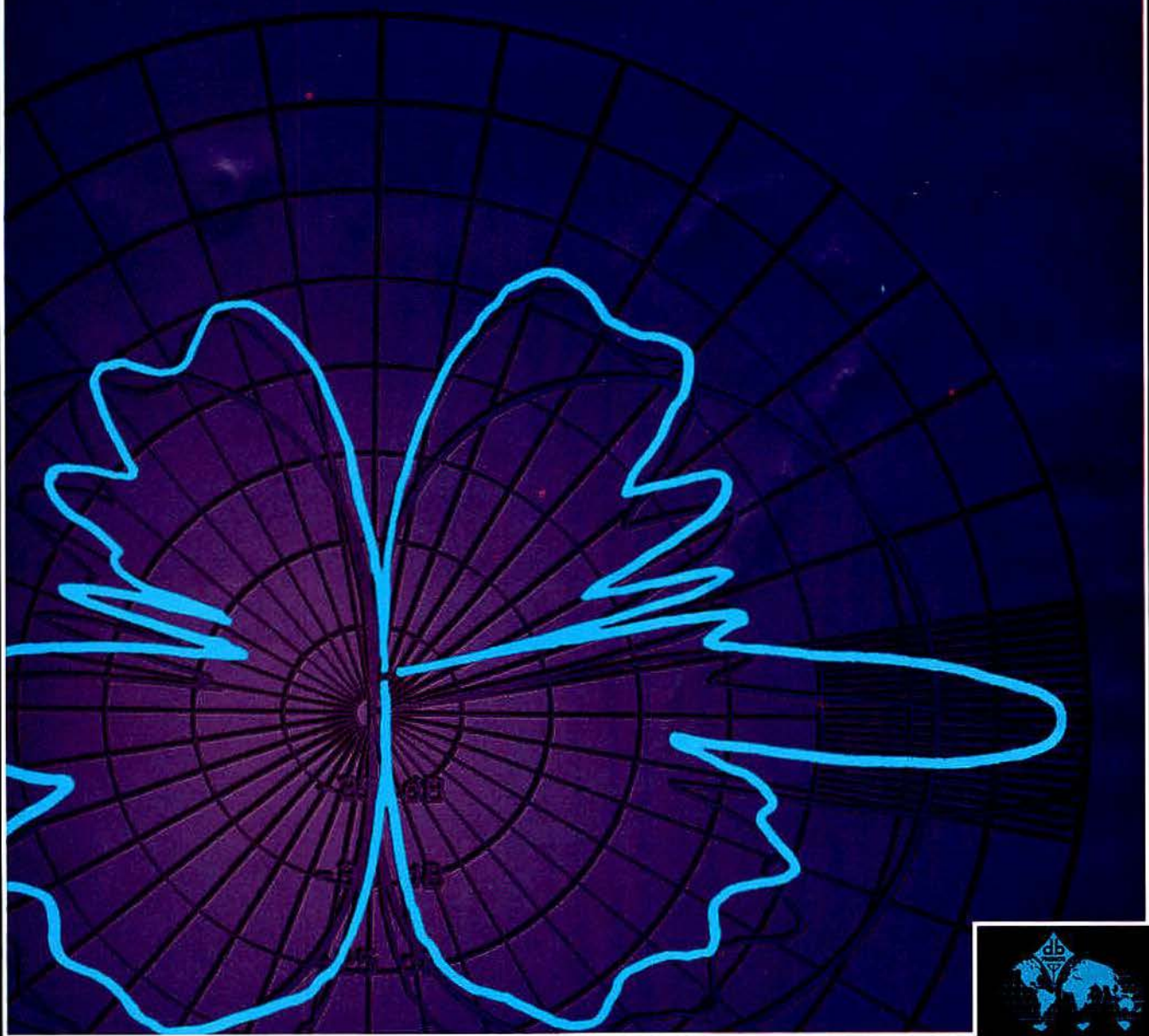
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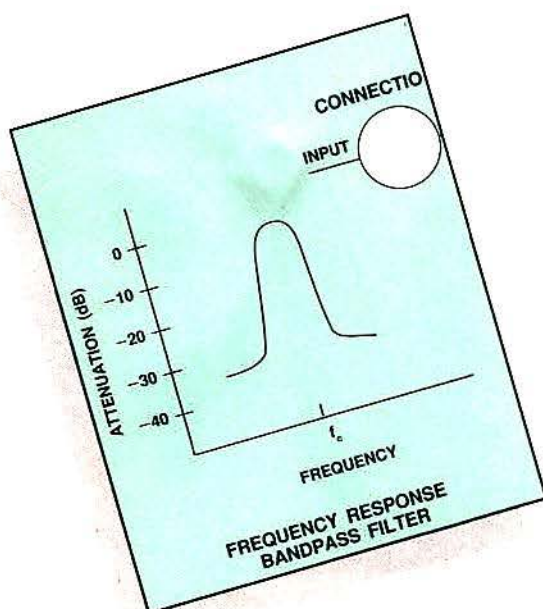
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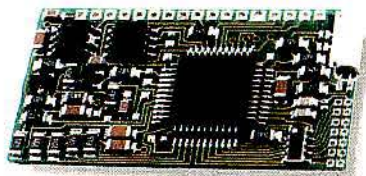
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A piece of the PCS

Not yet a trade association, exactly, a "coalition of wireless telecommunications entrepreneurs" has been formed to advance their opportunities in becoming personal communications services (PCS) providers. The PCS Licensing Equity Alliance (PLEA) is supporting a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives titled "Communications Opportunity Act of 1994."

According to PLEA spokesman Lawrence R. Sidman, the act will direct the FCC to ensure that designated entities become license holders for spectrum-based services; ensure that the FCC reserves spectrum for designated entities under any licensing plan; lessen economic barriers to designated entities through tax certificates, bidding credits, lower fees and installment payments; and outline transfer of license and unjust enrichment rules applicable to designated entity license holders. A mouthful . . . but after all, it *is* legislation.

It sounds to us like a group of "have-nots" trying to use the power of the government to help them to become "haves," but that isn't necessarily bad. The FCC always loves it when interest groups persuade Congress to "direct" it to do one thing or another, so why should PCS interest groups hold back? The federal court probably will become involved after the fact, so maybe it makes sense to involve Congress before the fact. Let's not leave anybody out.

Research company reports about the revenue potential of PCS are one thing, but when this yet-to-be-born new communications service attracts the attention of telephone companies, cable TV system operators and various lobbyists, maybe it means there is *real money* to be made.

The PLEA can be reached through Lawrence Sidman at 901 15th St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202-371-6206; facsimile 202-371-6279.

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Wireless

We've poked fun at the word "wireless" from time to time, all the while recognizing that it has value as a "hot" word that draws attention to new communications products and services—and some

that have been repackaged to look new. We've mentioned that radio first was called wireless, beginning nearly 100 years ago, and now the word has regained its former popularity. Still, the word "wireless" is a useful description that encompasses many forms of radio communications beyond mobile and portable two-way radios, especially as they may be perceived by customers. We're mindful of the possibility that the word may even find its way into our magazine title, as it has found its way into other magazine titles, trade association names and convention names.

Then along comes Art Wittman, the senior technology editor at *Network Computing* magazine. In the June 1 edition, he writes: "Wireless technology is in its infancy. The very name 'wireless' gives that away by describing the technology not for what it is, but for what it isn't. We don't call our cars 'horseless carriages,' and before long we won't be saying 'wireless networking' either." Say, how long *were* they called "horseless carriages," anyway?

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. . . and more wireless

The Utilities Telecommunications Council has asked the FCC to create a Wireless Services Bureau that would include the functions of the present Private Radio Bureau and certain functions of the Common Carrier Bureau's Mobile Services Division (including PCS) and Domestic Radio Branch.

This kind of reorganization has a "hot" description of its own: "reinventing government."

Several other trade associations back the proposed consolidation of FCC regulatory power over mobile communications into a Wireless Services Bureau, including the American Mobile Telecommunications Association, the Personal Communications Industry Association and the Industrial Telecommunications Association.

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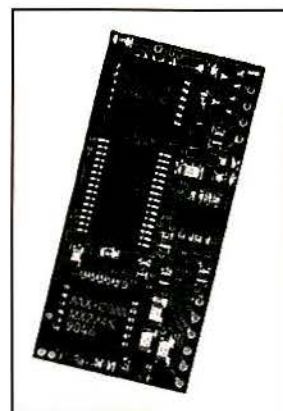
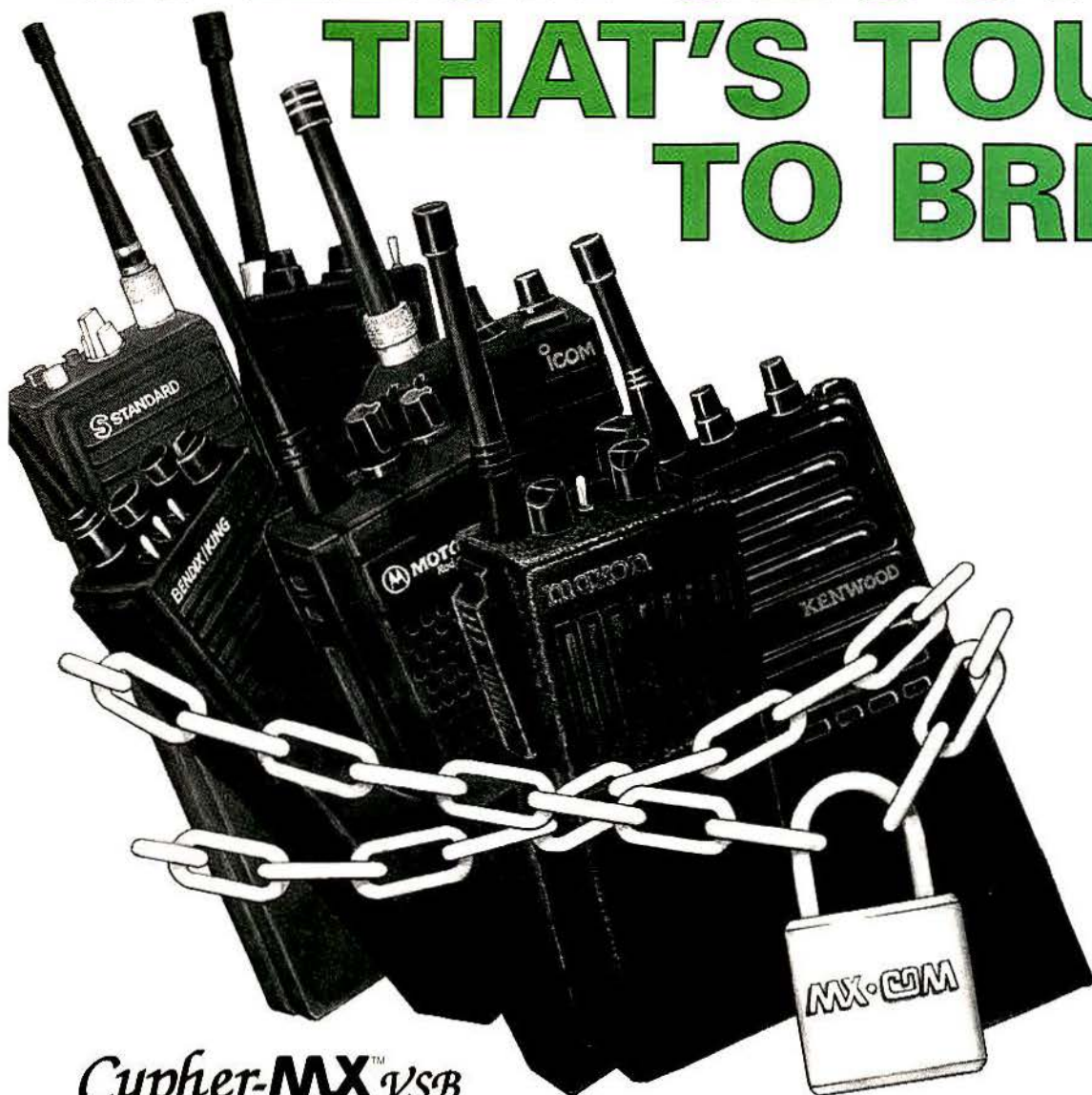
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Radio path profiles and the Fresnel zone

By Harold Kinley, C.E.T.

Establishing a highly reliable radio communications link between two fixed points often requires a line-of-sight path between the transmitter and receiver antenna, especially if the transmitter power is to be held to a minimum. For radio propagation purposes, the radius of the earth is considered to be $4/3$ (1.333) times the natural radius. This longer radius produces a model of a "flatter" earth. (See Figure 1 to the right.) Thus, radio line-of-sight is approximately 15% greater than optical line-of-sight over smooth earth.

Formula 2 in the box on page 56 provides a means of calculating the maximum radio line-of-sight distance between two

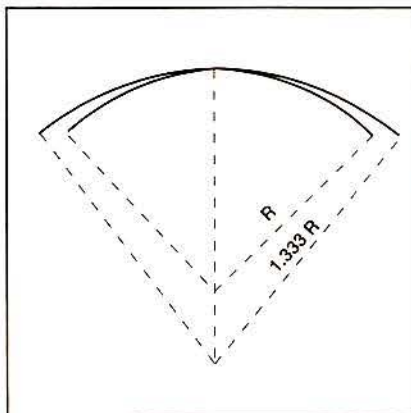


Figure 1. This graph shows how increasing the effective radius of the earth produces a 'flatter' earth, resulting in a longer line-of-sight distance between two points of given distance separation and antenna heights.

towers of given heights, h_1 and h_2 . Suppose the height of the first tower is 100 feet, and the height of the second tower is 150 feet. The maximum allowable radio line-of-sight distance (D) between the two towers is:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \sqrt{2(100)} + \sqrt{2(150)} \\ &= \sqrt{200} + \sqrt{300} \\ &= 14.14 + 17.32 \\ &= 31.46 \text{ miles} \end{aligned}$$

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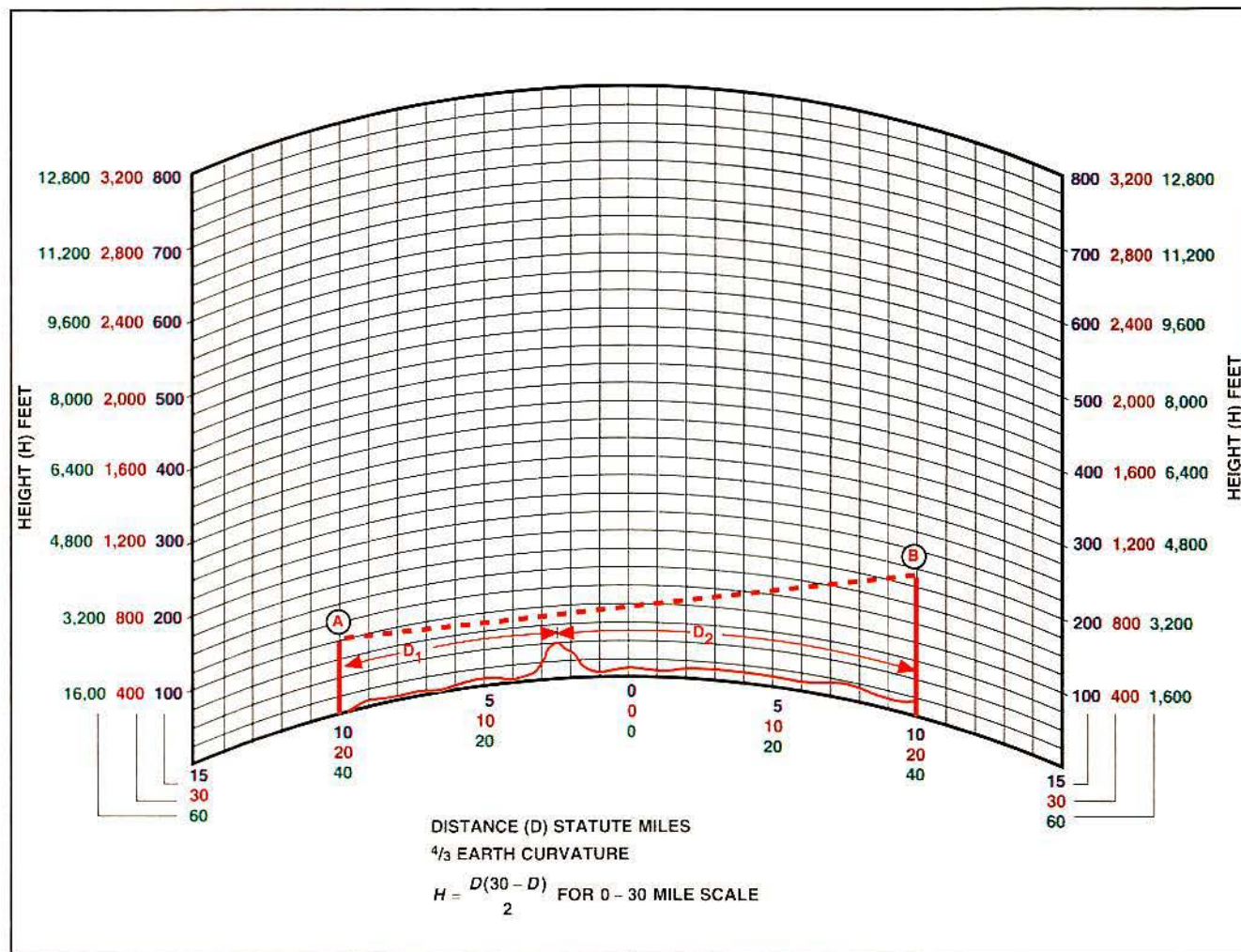


Figure 2. The $4/3$ earth curvature profile paper is used to check for proper line-of-sight clearance between antenna towers A and B. Although a direct line-of-sight path exists, the large hill probably would prevent suffi-

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By David Ludvigson

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Figure 1 below is a block diagram of the NRE series receivers. (For additional detail, refer to the schematic diagram in the pager manual.)

An outer loop antenna is tuned by C402 and C403 to resonance at the operating

Ludvigson is a technician in Houston.

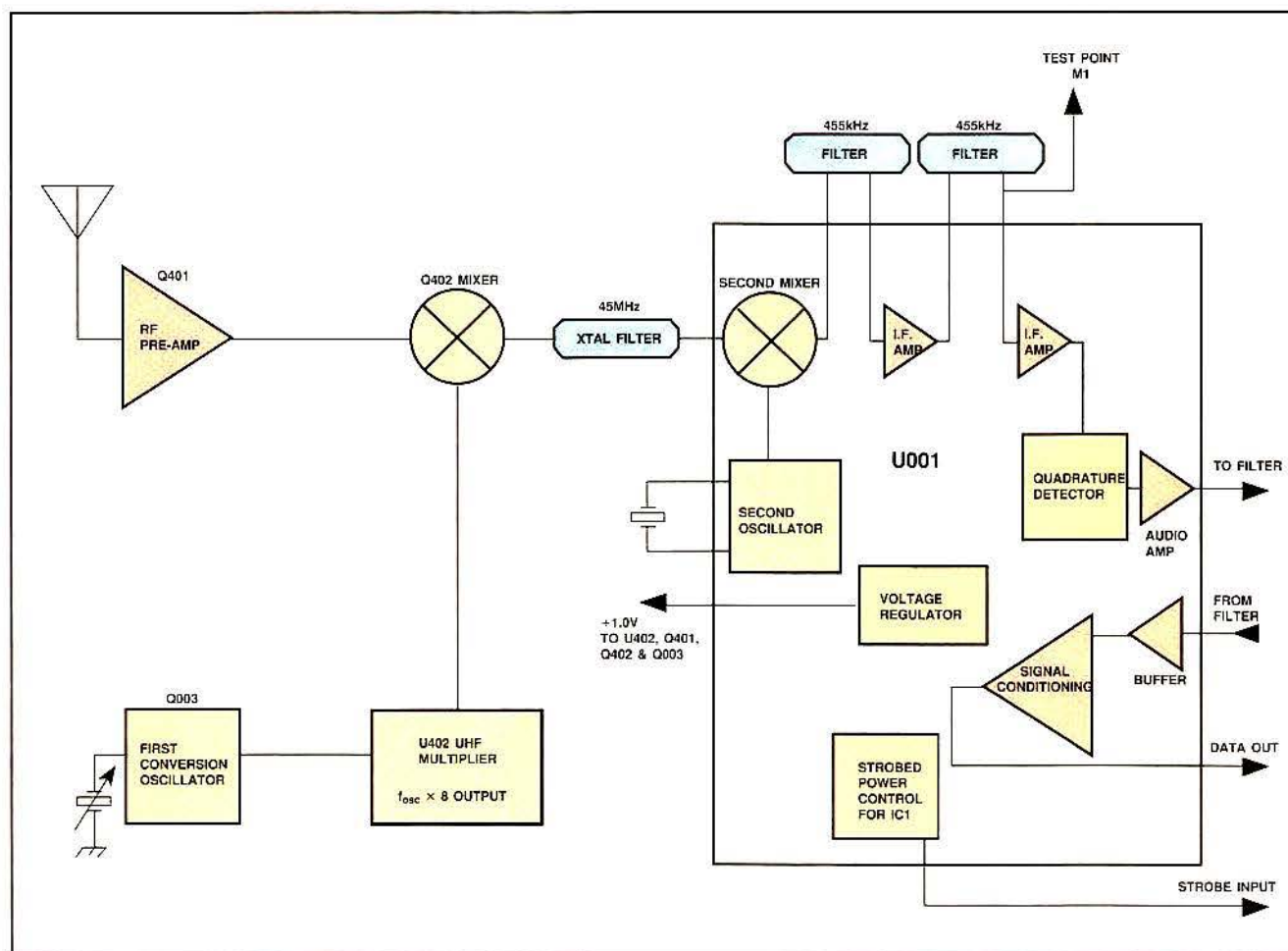


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1. Set the signal generator to the exact frequency of receiver: $F_{oper} = (8 \times 1st \text{ conv. crystal}) + 45MHz$.
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3. Meter M1 using the IFFER and an

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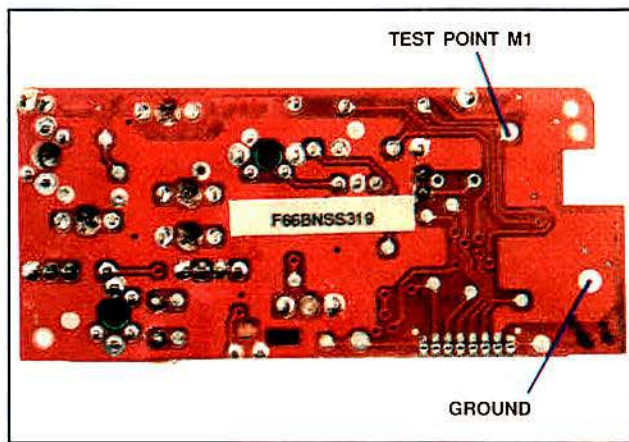
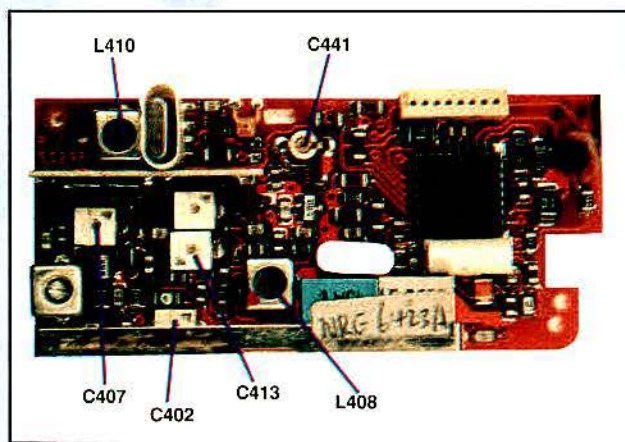
4. Adjust L410 for close approximation of a sine wave (as viewed on scope). This should be the first peak as L410 is adjusted clockwise as viewed from the foil side of the circuit board.

5. Trim C441 to slightly distort the signal viewed in step 4. This adjustment affects the multiplier stage and causes "pulling" of the crystal oscillator.

6. Reduce the signal generator's output level. Adjust C441 (multiplier); L408

(45MHz filter response); C413 and C407 (antenna filter response); and C402 (antenna resonance)—in that order—to achieve maximum sensitivity.

7. Repeat step 6 as needed for maximum sensitivity. Output from signal generator should read $-93dBm$ ($5\mu V$) for Golay or $-90dBm$ ($7\mu V$) for POCSAG 1,200. Measurements are signal generator output level readings applied through a 6dB attenuator to the RTL-1005 fixture.



frequency. The *inner loop* transforms the incoming signal to a low impedance, matching the antenna to the RF pre-amplifier.

L403, R402, C404 and C405 provide negative feedback to Q401, stabilizing the common-emitter amplifier. Should the receiver be subjected to static discharges,

CR001 will forward-bias with a negative voltage and clamp the discharge to ground.

Output from Q401 is coupled via C406 to C408, C407 and L405, which combine to form one portion of the bandpass filter. The rest of the filter consists of C412, C410, C413 and L406. This two-port filter provides attenuation of unwanted signals amplified by Q401.

Meanwhile, Q003 operates as a Colpitts oscillator at about 51MHz. U402 contains a parallel resonant circuit tuned to the 4th harmonic, across pins 2 and 3. The U402 module amplifies the resulting 204MHz signal, and then doubles it to produce an output at 408MHz (*Note: Some versions use a tripler, followed by a doubler, for an overall $\times 6$ multiplier stage.*)

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45.455MHz or 44.545MHz to produce a 455kHz output at U01, pin 13. External filters at 455kHz are matched with on-chip amplifier stages before being detected by the active quadrature demodulator.

As mentioned in Part 6, the signal at test point M1 is not FM! Until the received signal is demodulated, the input may be anything from AM to a dead carrier. There are *no limiters* in the Bravo receivers.

AARE series receivers

Figure 2 below is a block diagram of the AARE series receivers. (For additional detail, refer to the schematic diagram in the pager manual.)

These receivers are identified easily as having a triple set of tuning adjustments for the RF pre-amplifier stage, and as lacking the frequency multiplying module found in the other 406MHz–512MHz receivers (NRE series).

To begin with, a loop antenna network (E401, C451) is matched via C452 and C453 to the base of Q451. Diode CR451 performs as a static discharge device to

prevent damage to Q451.

Q451 and Q452 are configured as *common emitter/common base* or *cascode*. The need for neutralization has been minimized by use of R453 across the resonant circuit L452, C455 and C456.

The helical filter (FL451) is adjusted to pass the RF signal at the antenna. AARE4001 receivers tune from 450MHz to 465MHz, and AARE4002 series receivers tune from 465MHz to 480MHz. As such, these helical filters tune the receiver accordingly.

As an example, in an AARE4001, the first conversion oscillator Q454 is in a Colpitts circuit operating at 51.12MHz. Output from Q454 is tuned to the 4th harmonic (204.48MHz) with tuned circuit L458 and C471. This signal drives multiplier Q455 (a frequency doubler) across L460 and C477 at 408.96MHz. L460 and C477 provide post-multiplier filtering at 408.96MHz.

Mixer Q453 combines the signals coming through the filter (FL451) and the signal from the oscillator-multiplier chain.

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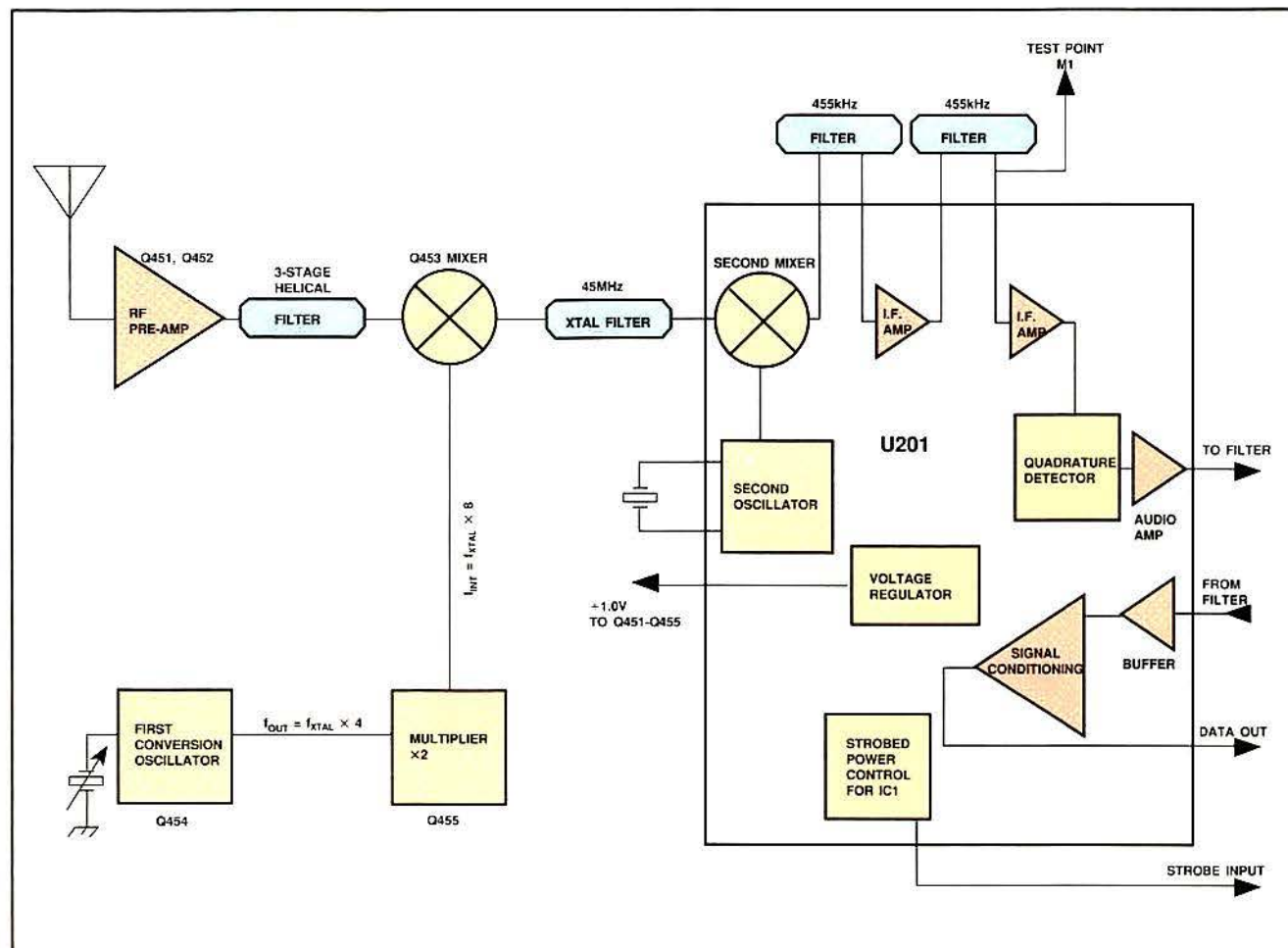
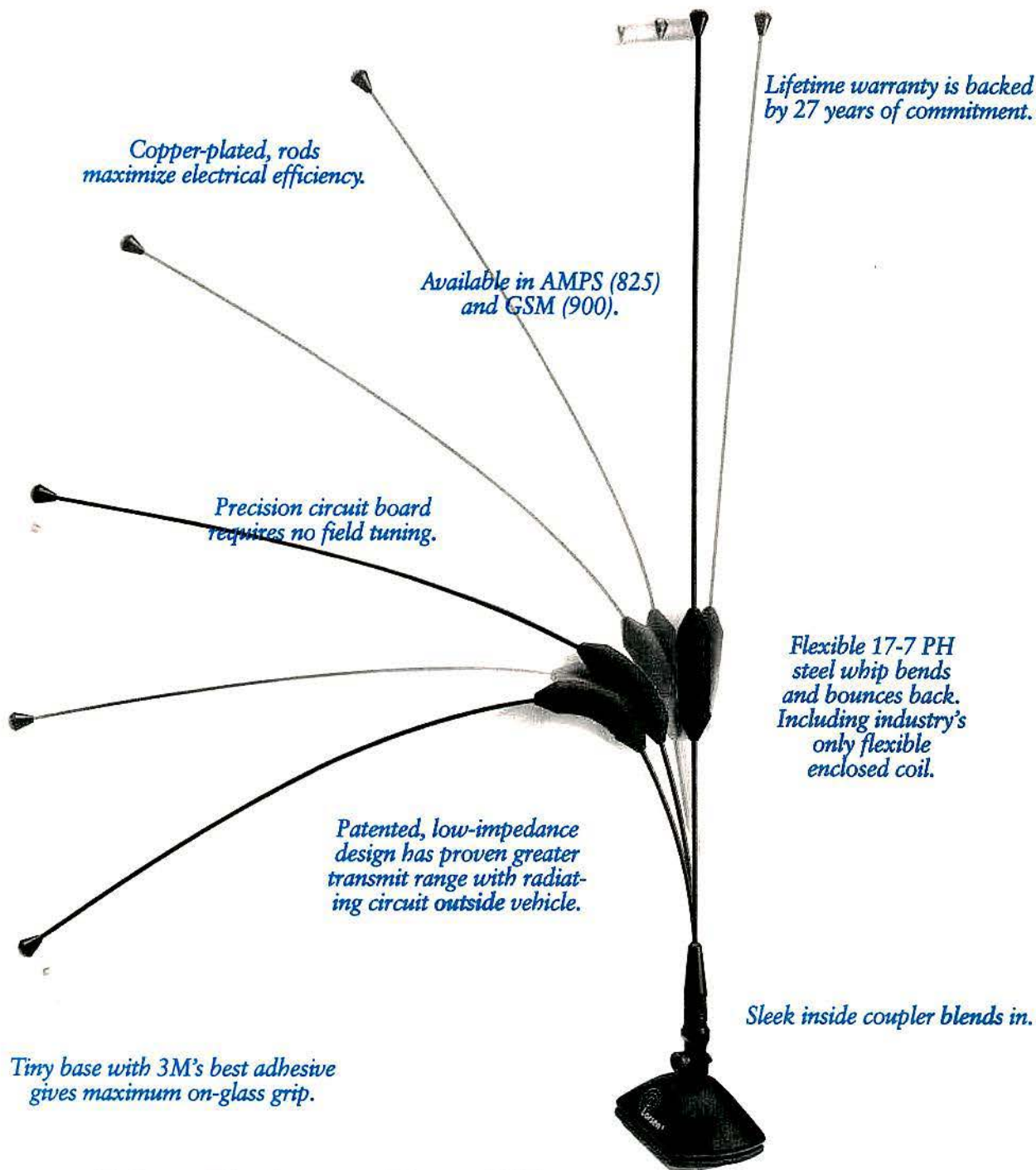


Figure 2. A block diagram of the AARE series 450MHz–480MHz receiver.



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Alignment procedure: Bravo AARE series (45MHz IF)

Note: FL451 has three sections. These will be noted as L1 (antenna side), L2 (intermediate section) and L3 (mixer side) in this procedure.

The following procedure deviates somewhat from the suggested Motorola technique and assumes the use of a shielded room (See Part 1) and the IFFER (See Part 2).

1. Set the signal generator to the exact frequency of the receiver ($F_{\text{oper}} = (8 \times 1\text{st conv. crystal}) + 45\text{MHz}$).

2. Frequency-modulate the signal with

a 4.5kHz-deviated 1kHz tone.

3. Meter M1 using the IFFER and an oscilloscope.

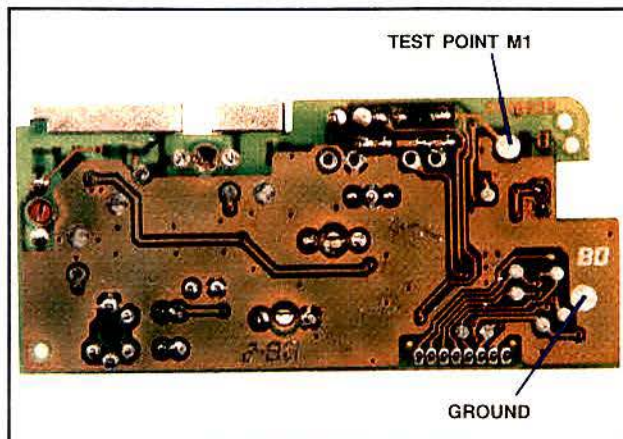
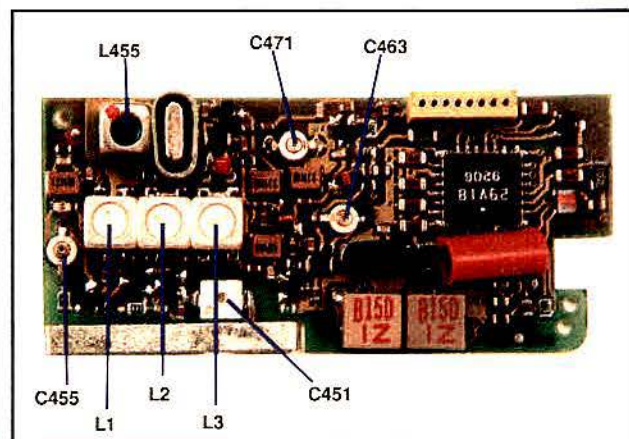
4. Adjust L455 for a close approximation of a sine wave (as viewed on scope). This should be the first peak as L455 is adjusted clockwise as viewed from the foil side of the circuit board.

5. Trim C471 to slightly distort the signal viewed in step 4. This adjustment affects the multiplier stage and causes "pulling" of the crystal oscillator.

6. Reduce the signal generator's output level. Adjust C471 (multiplier), C463

(45MHz filter response), L3 (mixer side), L2 (intermediate), L1 (antenna side), C455 (RF preamp output) and C451 (antenna)—in that order—to achieve maximum sensitivity.

7. Repeat step 6 as needed for maximum sensitivity. Output from the signal generator should read -93dBm (5μV) for Golay or -90dBm (7μV) for POCSAG 1,200. Measurements are signal generator output level readings applied through a 6dB attenuator to the RTL-1005 fixture.



The filter composed of C459, C460 and L453 effectively reduces the oscillator-

side signal while allowing the antenna signal to pass. These values may be critical to

mixer operation because antenna-side signal level and local oscillator injection levels determine both sensitivity and selectivity of the receiver.

The 45MHz output from Q453 is filtered by FL452, and then sent to the U001 "second mixer," along with the signal from the internal crystal oscillator (at either 45.435MHz or 44.545MHz). The resulting 455kHz signal then is filtered, amplified, filtered and amplified before it reaches the quadrature detector. Further processing of the signal delivers audio to TP8. External filters (on the decoder board) route back to the Data Fil I/P (TP10) where the retrieved audio is converted into a data stream and subsequently decoded.

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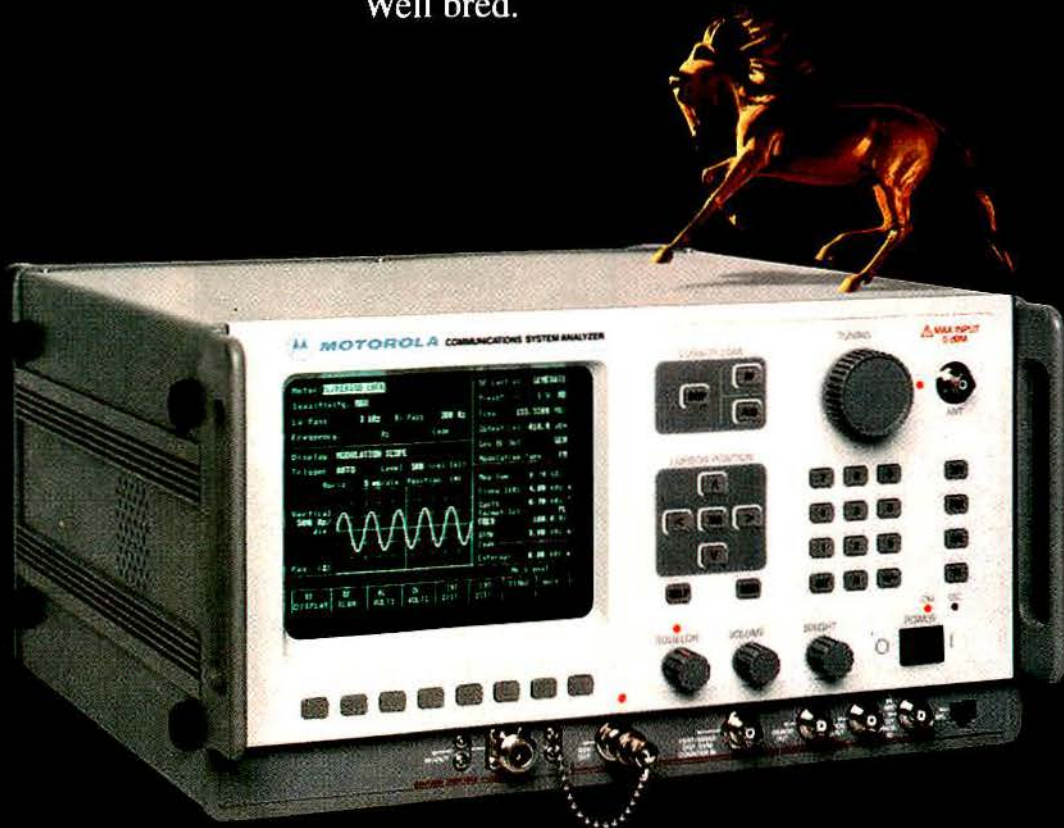


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How to use duplexers: The various types

Part 2—Applications for types of duplexers are described to help you choose and configure cavities for specific purposes. Frequency bands and frequency separation play a part in selecting the cavities.

By Brian J. Henderson, P. Eng.

Duplexers allow transmitters and receivers to operate simultaneously and to use the same antenna, as they do in typical repeater installations.

Various configurations can be used to filter interference, too.

The bandpass cavity

The bandpass cavity is the easiest type of duplexer to explain and to understand.

First, imagine a transmitter and receiver antenna separated by some distance. (See Figure 1A to the right.) The transmitter transmits energy that is radiated by the antenna and received by the receiver antenna and receiver. There is a loss between the two antennas.

If these two antennas were contained inside a cylinder, the losses between them would be reduced. Instead of the transmitting antenna radiating some energy in all directions, most of the energy would be contained inside the cylinder. Most of the energy would be picked up by the receiving antenna. Losses are reduced. (See Figure 1B).

The cylinder's length and volume affect the transmission path between the two antennas. This path between the two antennas is quite sharp and pronounced.

If the antennas are simple "loops" or short dipoles on opposite sides of a cylinder and the volume of the cylinder is adjusted by a conductive rod in the middle, the previously imaginary configuration has become a bandpass cavity filter. (See Figure 1C).

The bandpass cavity filter's frequency response is shown in Figure 2 top right.

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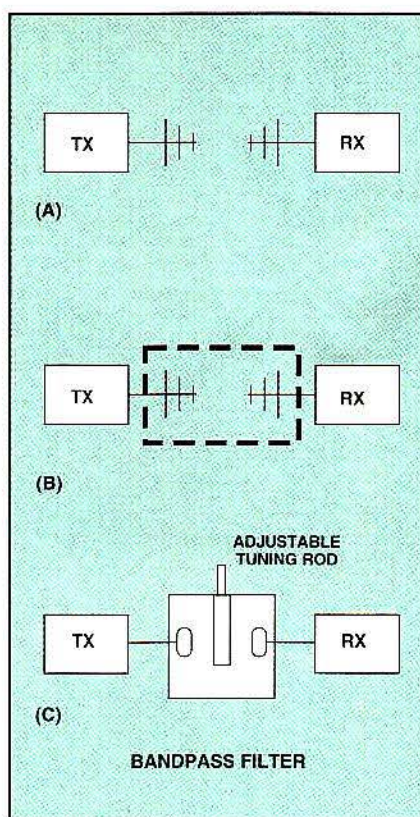


Figure 1. At (A), radio energy transferred between a transmitter antenna and receiver antenna is subject to a loss. If the antennas were within a cylinder, as in (B), the loss would be reduced. The cylinder's length and volume affect the transmission path between the two antennas. If the antennas are simple 'loops' or short dipoles on opposite sides of a cylinder, and the volume of the cylinder is adjusted by a conductive rod in the middle, the previously imaginary configuration has become a bandpass cavity filter, as in 1C.

The bandpass cavity can be adjusted for frequency by adjusting a "trombone slide" inside the cavity. Loss between the transmit and receive ports is at a minimum at the bandpass frequency and increases be-

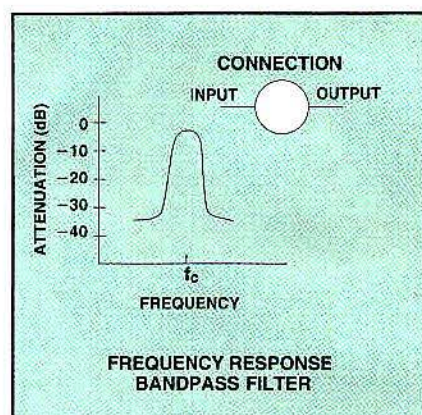


Figure 2. This is the frequency response of the bandpass cavity filter in Figure 1. The cavity can be adjusted for frequency by adjusting a "trombone slide" inside the cavity. Loss between the transmit and receive ports is at a minimum at the bandpass frequency and increases beyond the cavity's passband.

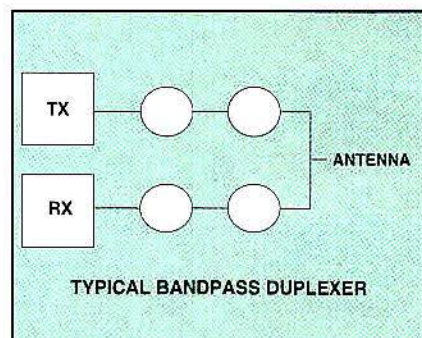


Figure 3. Several bandpass cavities can be combined to separate transmit and receive frequencies, as shown above. The idea is to provide enough isolation between a transmitter and receiver so that the same antenna can be used for both functions.

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In addition, the SWR is at a minimum at the tuned frequency. SWR rises outside the bandpass cavity's passband.

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cavity has the effect of increasing the circuit "Q." The larger the diameter, the narrower the bandpass cavity and the higher the "Q." A 7-inch cavity is a better bandpass filter than a 5-inch cavity. A 10-inch cavity is better yet.

The bandpass duplexer

The function of a bandpass cavity has now been explained. So what does this do for the duplexer?

Several bandpass cavities can be combined to separate transmit and receive frequencies. The idea is to provide enough isolation between a transmitter and receiver so that the same antenna can be used for both functions. Such a duplexer is shown in Figure 3 on page 18.

Generally, two bandpass cavities are used in the transmit leg, and two are used in the receive leg of a repeater. Duplexers are connected in series with transmit and receive ports, as shown in Figure 3. The antenna port simply uses a "T" connector to parallel transmit and receive cables.

There is an advantage to using bandpass cavities to build a duplexer. The passbands of both the transmitter and receiver are narrowed.

In the case of the receiver, interference

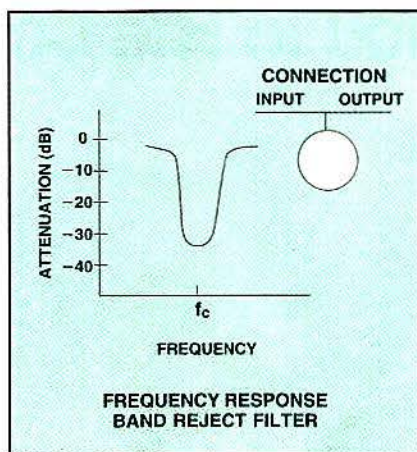


Figure 4. A reject cavity is a bandpass cavity with only one connector. The other connector either is left open or is omitted. The cavity's spectrum plot and connection diagram are shown above.

and intermodulation outside the passband of the receive cavities is reduced. Interference to other systems from your transmitter will be reduced.

There is one drawback to using bandpass cavities for a duplexer. Practical limits on construction constrain transmit-receive spacing to less than 2MHz at VHF and

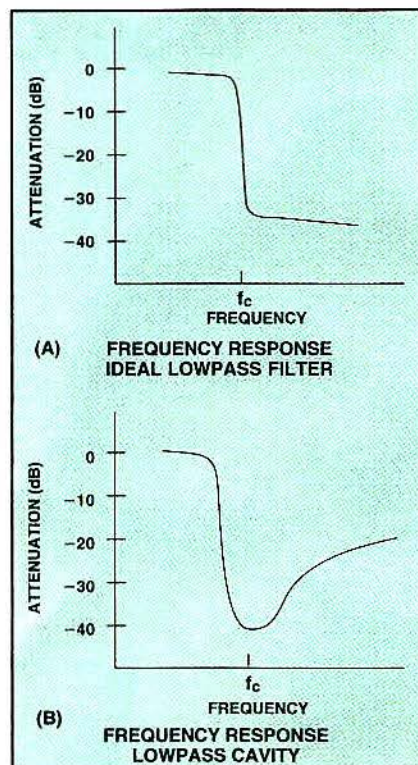


Figure 5. The graph at (A) shows the theoretical performance of a lowpass filter. It has a defined cutoff frequency. Below that frequency, signals pass with little loss. Above that frequency, signals are shorted out and do not pass through. A lowpass filter can be made by adding a capacitor in series with a bandpass cavity's feed loop. The pattern shown at (B) is that of a lowpass filter.

5MHz at UHF frequencies. Bandpass filters do not provide enough isolation for closer transmit-receive frequency spacing.

The reject cavity

Another common type of filter is called a reject cavity.

A reject cavity is simply a bandpass cavity with only one connector. The other connector either is left open or is omitted. See the spectrum plot and connection diagram shown in Figure 4 above left.

When connected into a transmission line with a "T" connector to "short out" a single frequency, the reject cavity removes the frequency from the line. This method commonly is used when another transmitter interferes with a receiver. A reject cavity is connected into the receive path to "notch out" the offending signal.

The lowpass filter

Another type of filter commonly used is the lowpass filter.

The theoretical performance of a lowpass filter is shown in Figure 5A above right. A lowpass filter has a defined cutoff frequency. Below that frequency, signals

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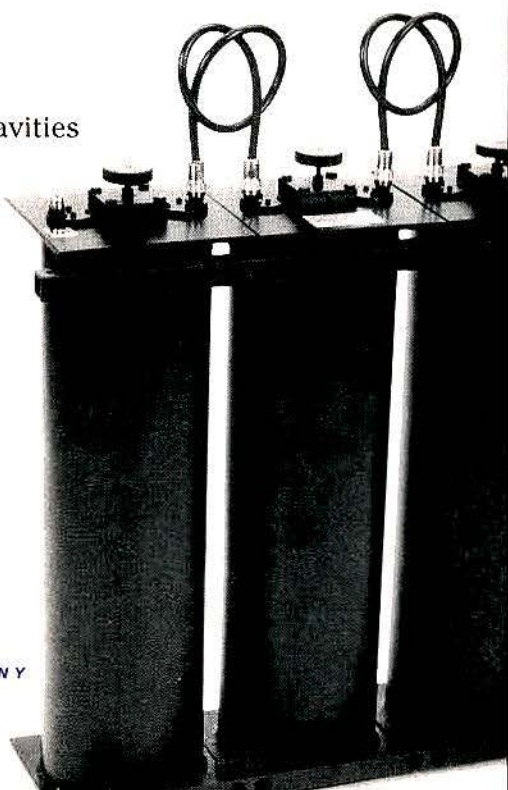
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pass with little loss. Above that frequency, signals are shorted out and do not pass through.

A lowpass filter can be made by adding a capacitor in series with a bandpass cavity's feed loop. The pattern shown in Figure 5B is that of a lowpass filter.

The highpass filter

A highpass filter is the opposite of a lowpass filter.

Signals above the cutoff frequency pass through with little loss, and signals below the cutoff frequency are shorted out and do not pass through the highpass filter. (See Figure 6A to the right.)

The highpass filter also can be made by adding a capacitor in series with a reject cavity's feed loop. The pattern shown in Figure 6B is that of a highpass filter.

Note that the highpass and lowpass filters have exactly the same construction.

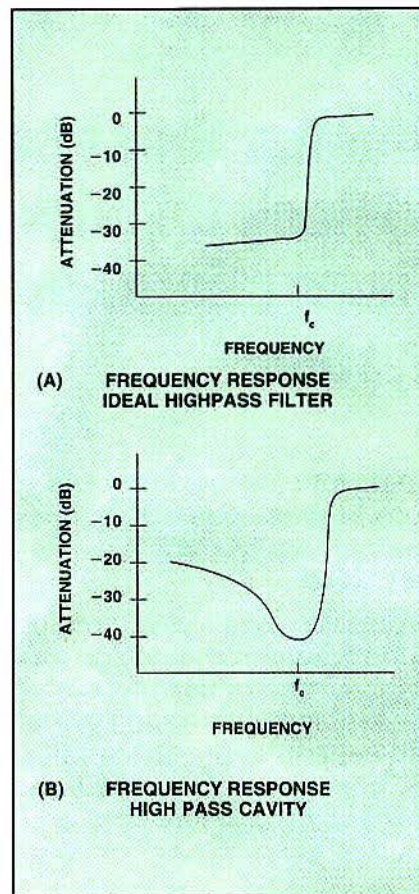


Figure 6. A highpass filter is the opposite of a lowpass filter. As shown at (A), signals above the cutoff frequency pass through with little loss, and signals below the cutoff frequency are shorted out and do not pass through the highpass filter. The highpass filter also can be made by adding a capacitor in series with a reject cavity's feed loop. The pattern shown at (B) is that of a highpass filter.

Near the feed connector on a filter you will see a small screw for adjusting the capacitor.

The capacitor setting determines whether the filter is a highpass or lowpass device, and it is not possible to tell from a visual inspection which type the cavity is. The only way to tell is by looking at the display of the cavity on a spectrum analyzer.

The bandpass/band-reject cavity

Highpass and lowpass filters could be combined together to form a duplexer.

There is a better way. A proper capacitor choice makes the filter a combination lowpass-highpass and bandpass filter, depending on the capacitor setting. (See Figures 5B and 6B.)

In this way, a single cavity connected to a receiver, for example, can pass the receive frequency with little loss and reject the transmit frequency. This forms the



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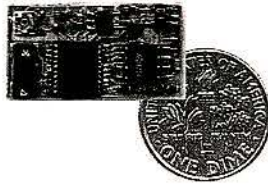


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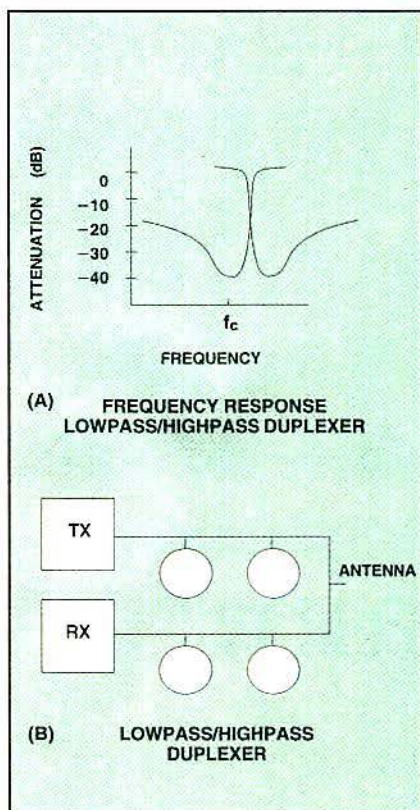
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basis of the typical highpass-lowpass duplexer.

The bandpass/band-reject duplexer

Remember the isolation calculations performed earlier?

To get the 70dB-75dB of isolation required, two bandpass/band-reject cavities can be connected into each of the repeater's transmit and receive legs. (See Figure 7 to the left.)

Two cavities in the transmit side and two cavities in the receive side provide the required 70dB-75dB of isolation. In this case, minimum frequency separation is about 500kHz.

If a frequency spacing less than 500kHz is required, three cavities can be used on each side. This configuration increases isolation to about 90dB. The minimum fre-

quency separation is about 300kHz at VHF. This separation is a practical limit of this type of duplexer. Adding more cavities increases the loss while providing little additional rejection.

Next: How duplexers are constructed and how they are installed have much to do with their tuning and frequency stability. Suggestions are included for ordering duplexers and for initial tuning or retuning.



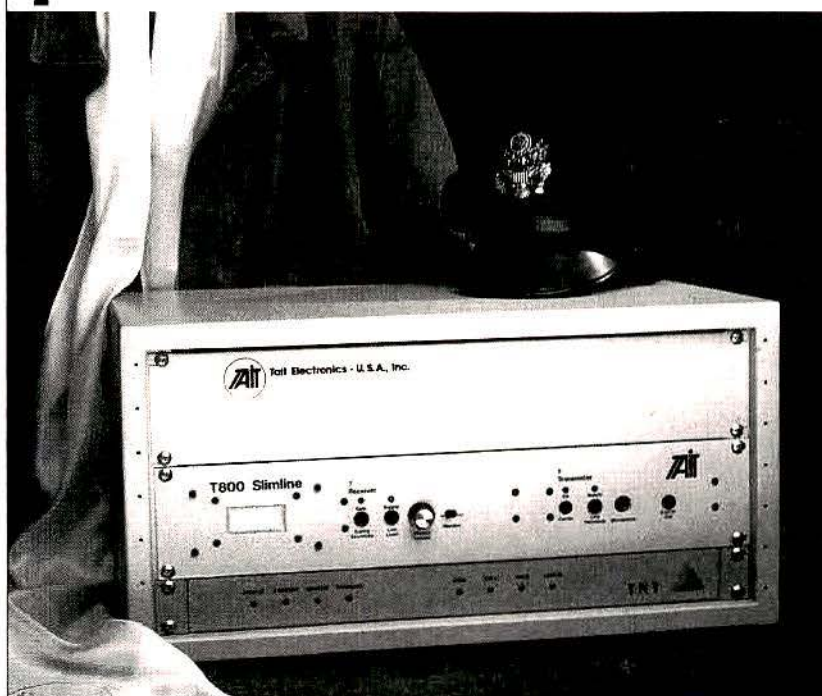
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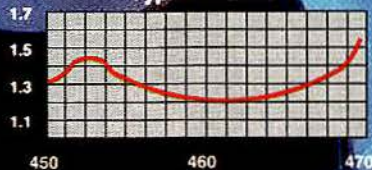


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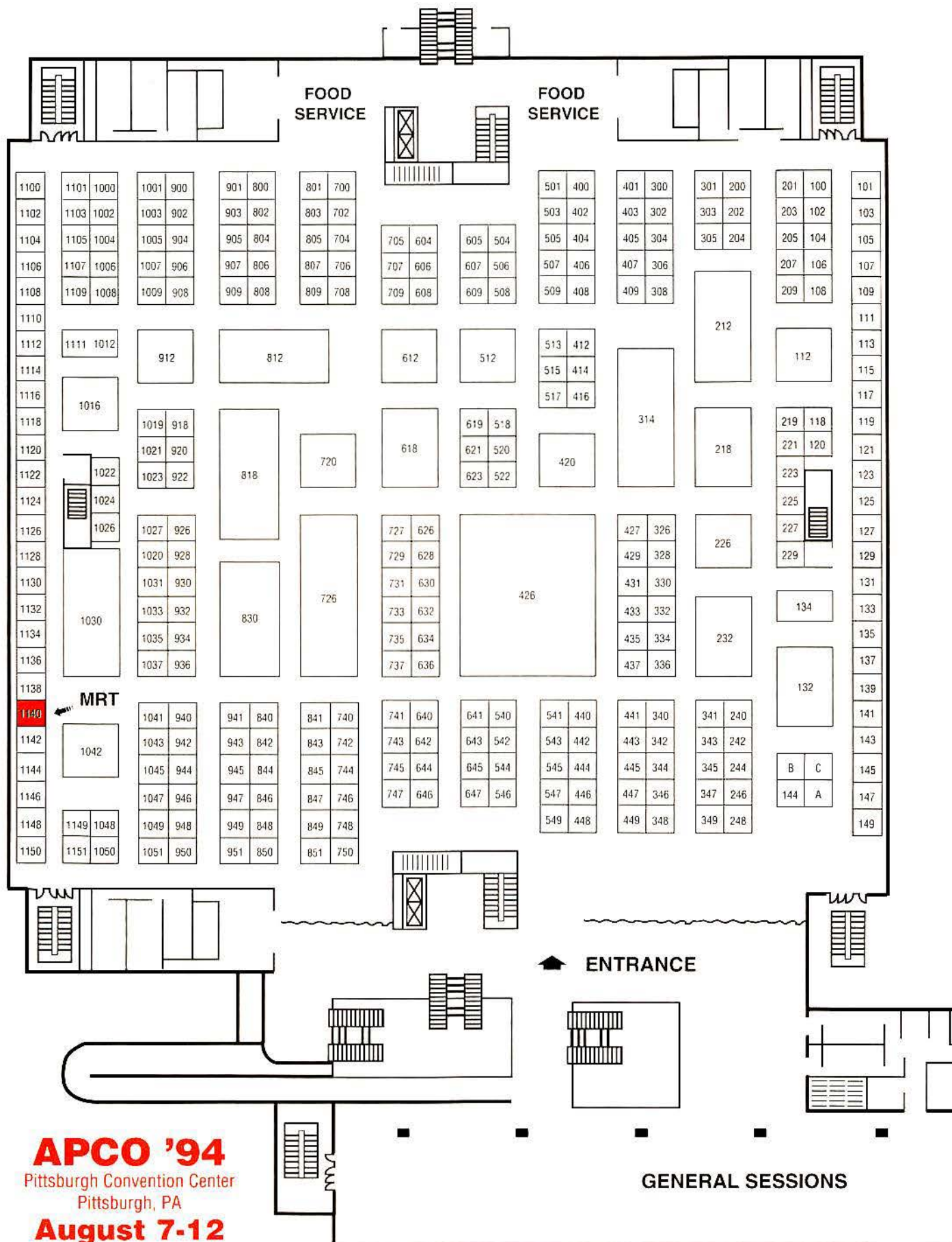
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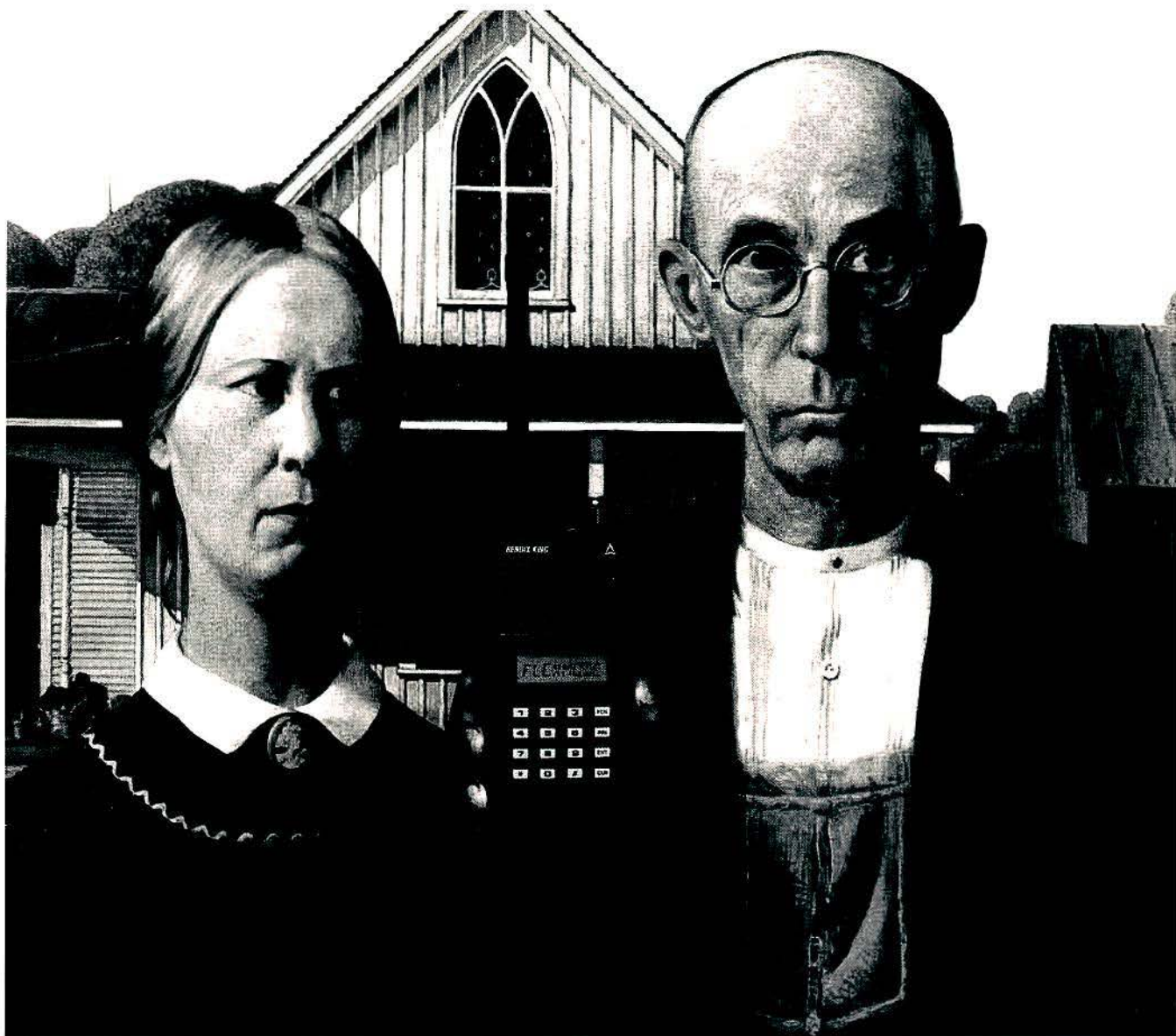
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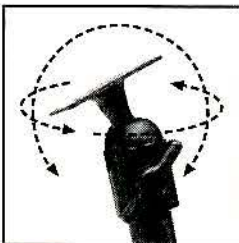
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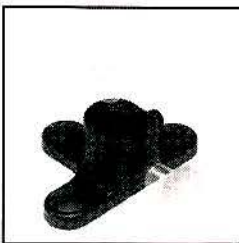
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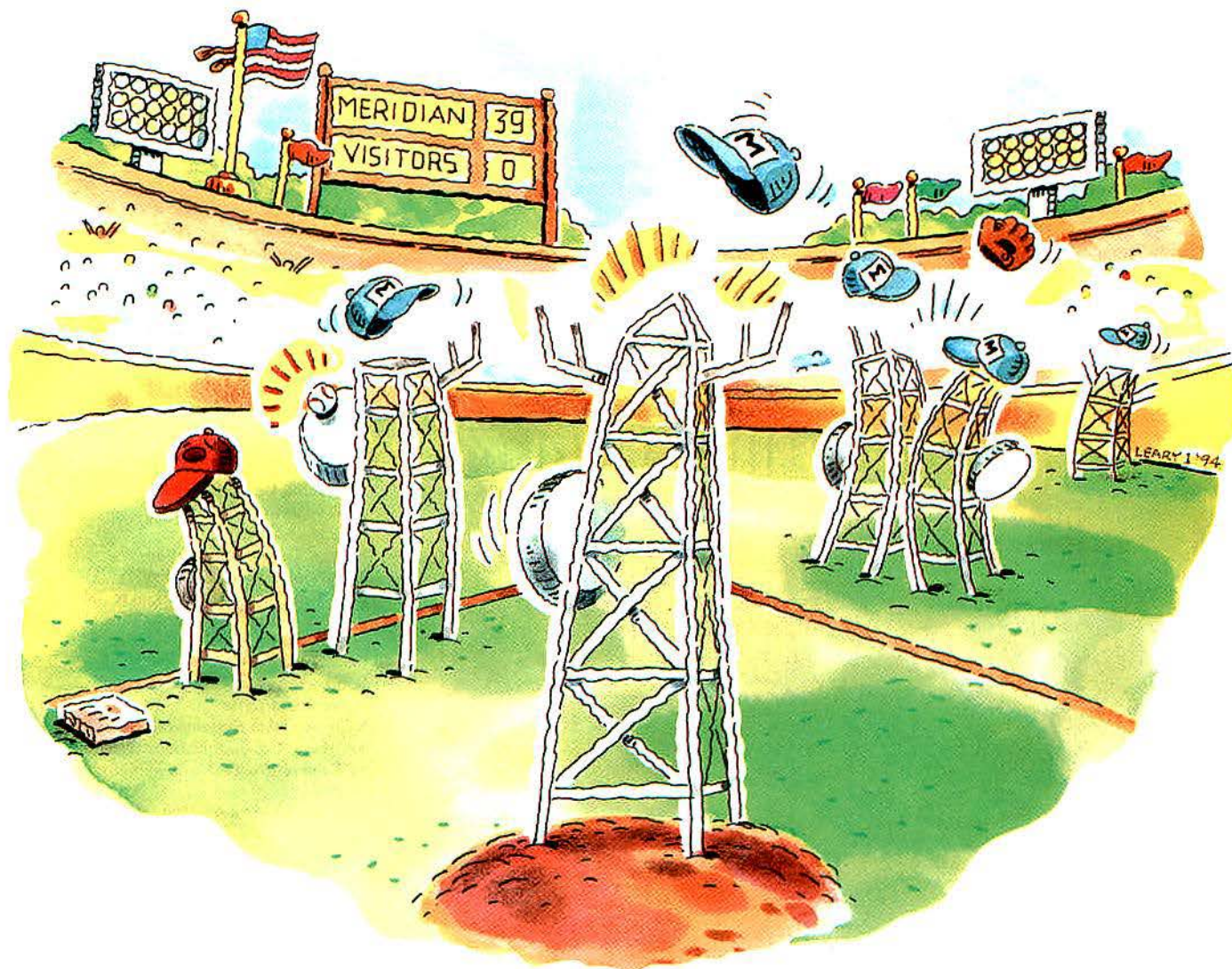
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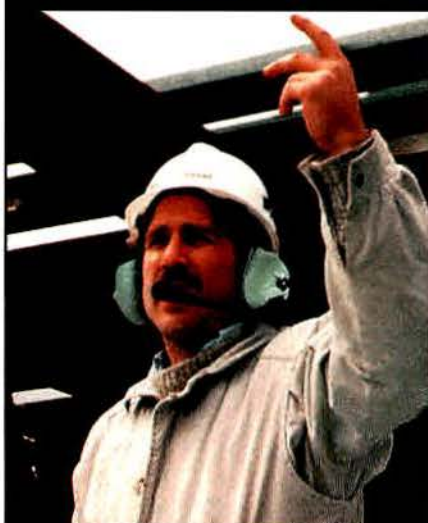
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Circle 900 See ad page 650

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Circle 250 See ad page 33, 55, IFC

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New products
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Circle 251

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New products
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Circle 252

Avtec Booths 841, 843

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New products
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Circle 253

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New products
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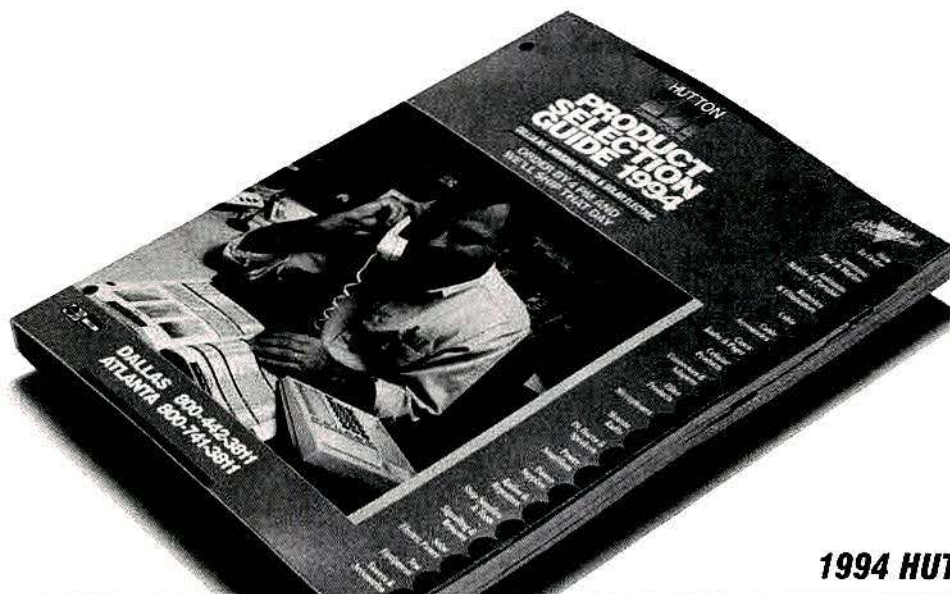
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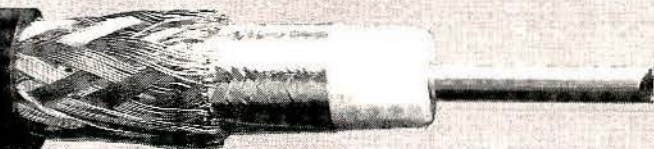
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Existing products

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New products

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Existing products

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New products

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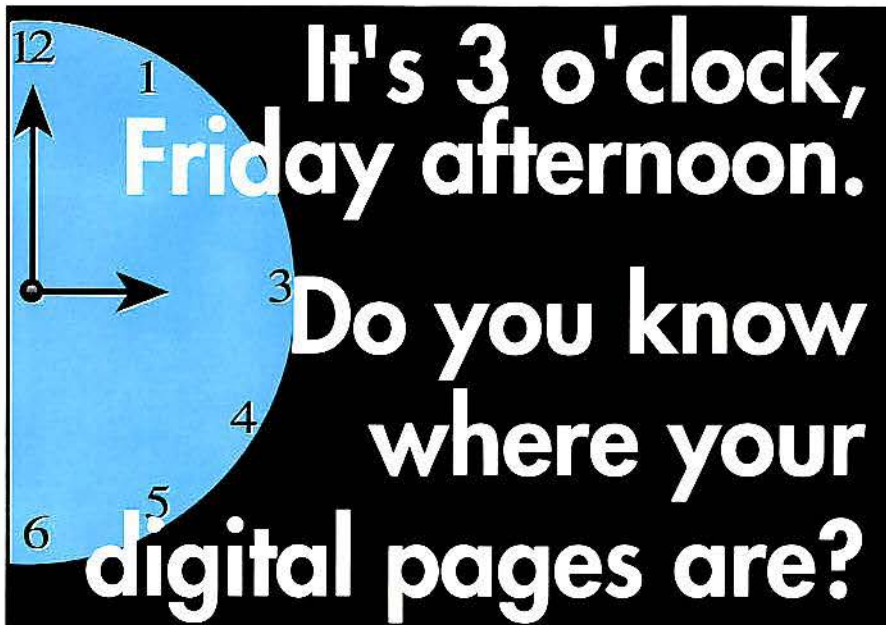
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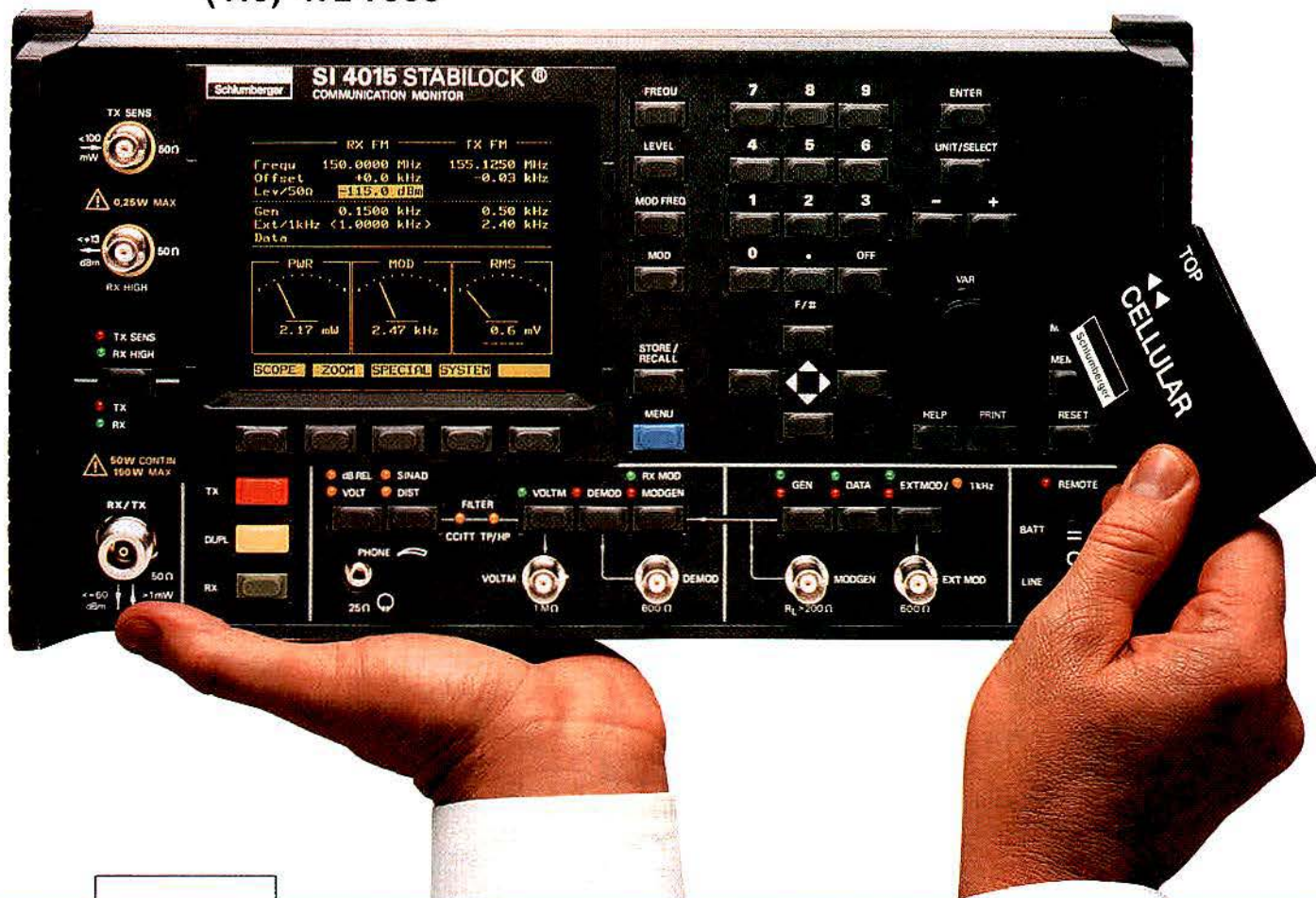
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ies for land mobile radios in VHF, UHF and trunking frequencies.

New products

The lowband, broadband EXW antenna that covers 30MHz-88MHz. It is available with a BNX, TNX or SF connector.

Circle 264

See ad page 9

Citadel Computer

Booth 513

Existing products

MobileStar/486 series of in-vehicle computers for mobile applications that support GPS-navigation, on-board CD-ROM, PCMCIA expansion and wireless data communications.

Circle 265

CMJ Technologies

Booth 442

Existing products

ComNode mobile radio dispatch console system; Liberty dispatch console available in desk-top or rack-mount configuration.

New products

Liberty-Star dispatch console system that is a cost-effective dispatch system for smaller applications.

Circle 266

See ad page 77

Combined Technologies

Booth 642

Existing products

Smartswitch II remote comparator displays; TSAY-I transmitter steering controllers.

New products

MCN series voting receiver displays.

Circle 267

See ad page 80

Communications

Booth 405

Technology Associates

Existing products

Communications consulting in the design and implementation of 800MHz and 900MHz trunking systems, conventional two-way radio systems, transit system, computer-aided dispatch (CAD), automatic vehicle location (AVL), mobile data terminals (MDT), 911/E-911 and dispatch centers.

Circle 268

Connect Systems

Booth 542

Existing products

CS-800, CS-900, CS-8200, CS-9800 telephone interconnects; CS-6800 radiotelephone remote system; TP-154 shared repeater tone panel; CD-1 CTCSS, DCS, DTMF decoder unit; RT-8 rural telephone system.

New products

Model TP-154 Plus.

Circle 269

See ad page 52

Cylink

Booth 408

Existing products

AirLink wireless modems.

Circle 270

Dataradio

Booth 144, 144B

Existing products

Vehicular Information Solutions (VIS) mobile radio modems and datalink controllers for public safety mobile computing applications.

New products

MRM-96+ high-performance mobile radio modem.

Circle 271

Dictaphone

Booth 420

Existing products

ProLog and Guardian digital communications recording systems; series 6600, series 5700 and series 5900 digital call check and emergency message repeaters.

Circle 272

Digital Recorders

Booths 443, 445

Existing products

Emergency broadcast systems; highway advisory radio.

New products

Solar Max; Mobile HAR; DR1000 digital recorder/player.

Circle 273

Dispatch Products

Booth 906, 908

Existing products

200 series consoles; RPS series consoles.

Circle 274

D.M. Data

Booth 137

Existing products

Computer software for police and fire.

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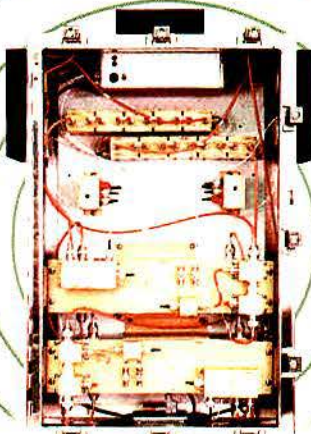
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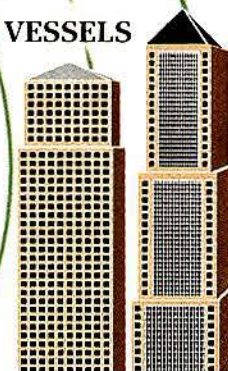


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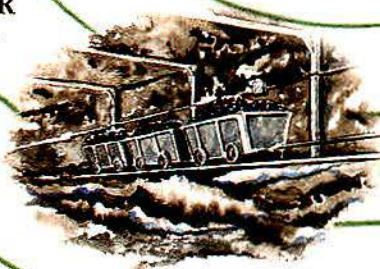
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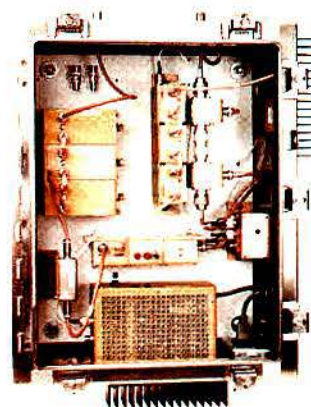
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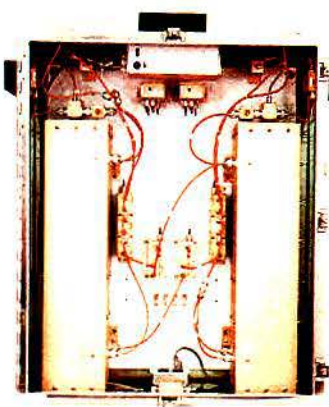


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DX Radio Systems

Booth 149

Existing products _____
RTF series repeaters and base stations; RTP series portable repeaters; DXP series paging transmitters; telephone links.

New products _____
Eclipse series repeaters and base stations.
Circle 276 **See ad page 73**

Dynamic Instruments Booth 1006, 1008

Existing products _____
DI-939 digital recording system.
New products _____
DI-934 remote interface terminals.
Circle 277

E.F. Johnson

Booth 326

Existing products _____
Multi-Net system product line: Summit QX 2008 repeater; Summit DM (MM81-83/91-93) mobiles; model 5876 LTR and conventional UHF hand-helds; Viking CK-HM81 Multi-Net/LTR/conventional hand-helds.

New products _____
Multi-Net II enhanced wide-area public safety system, including redesigned consoles and system management packages; Viking CK-HM83 Multi-Net/LTR/conventional 3W hand-helds; Viking CM-HM83 Multi-Net/LTR/conventional 3W hand-helds; Viking CT-HM81 Multi-Net/LTR/conventional full-duplex hand-helds; Multi-Net accessories, including new control station and desk microphone; conventional console

products; Avenger SE-(HC13) VHF/UHF 5W hand-helds; Avenger GX (MC11/12) VHF mobiles.

Circle 278 **See ad page 53**

ElectroCom Communication Systems

Booth 232

Existing products _____
Model 890 mobile data computer; I01 radio data controller; trunked radio data interface.

New products _____
Diversity reception controller; transmit fast alarm indicator.
Circle 279 **See ad page 83**

Emergency Medical Services Magazine

Booth 200

Existing products _____
Magazines.
New products _____
EMS Trivia 2 game; *Tricks of the Trade* video; *The Best of Case Review*, volume 1 book.
Circle 280

ERI—Electronics Research

Booth 800

Existing products _____
Guyed towers; self-supporting towers; monopoles; structural engineering services; site construction services.
New products _____
Cell-thru antenna mounting system.
Circle 281

Flash Technology

Booth 517

Existing products _____
Strobe lighting systems and products—medium intensity FTB 310; FTB 311; FTB 330; FTB 331.
Circle 282

Fleet Safety Equipment

Booth 1012

Existing products _____
Pursuit Control Centers (PCC) six and ten switch; 9000 series lightbar; 4000 series lightbar; floor stack brackets; prisoner transport seat; complete emergency systems.
New products _____
Pursuit Control Centers (PCC); 4000/8SIFST—maintenance-friendly lightbar; FS1200 series floor stack brackets.
Circle 283

Gamber-Johnson

Booths 541, 543

Existing products _____
Mission Control air bag-friendly mounting system for voice and data communications equipment; DS series mounting hardware; Stackmaster; Floormaster; Superslide; Command Post; power distribution accessories.
Circle 284 **See ad page 40**

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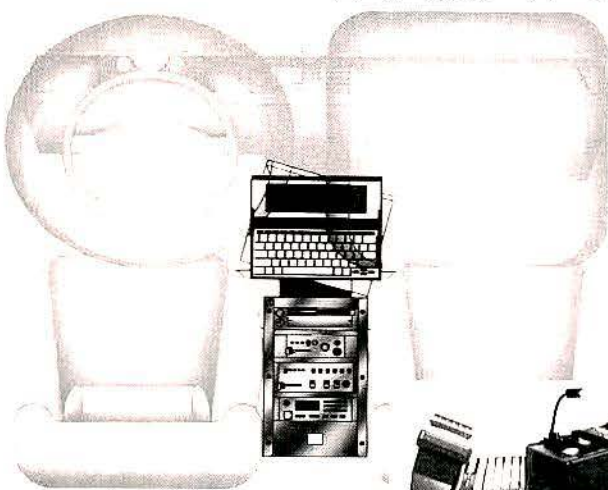
Booth 942

Existing products _____
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Existing products _____
 DVM6-8T expandable digital microwave radio;
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New products _____
 StarScan network management system.
Circle 286

Hitech Systems Booths 806, 808
Existing products _____
 SafetyNet CAD. Safety E9-1-1 interface;
 SafetyNet mapping interface; SafetyNet message
 switch; SafetyNet emergency medical dispatch
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New products _____
 SafetyNet records management system.
Circle 287

HTE Public Safety Booth 807
Existing products _____
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 AVL mapping; GIS interface; image process-
 ing—photo image processing—documents; Fires
 2000; and Fire Prevention Service.
Circle 288

Hughey & Phillips Booth 940
Existing products _____
 FAA-approved obstruction lighting for tall
 towers.
New products _____
 Flashguard 2000 and Flashguard 3000 strobe
 lights.
Circle 289

IFR Systems Booth 441
Existing products _____
 Communications service monitors; spectrum
 analyzers.
Circle 290 See ad page 57

Informer Computer Systems Booth 918
Existing products _____
 Informer 9-1-1 family of automatic location iden-
 tification monitors, including CRT, EL and color.
New products _____
 Informer CallTracker gathers data from the IA2
 system and consolidates IA2 and 9-1-1 control-
 ler data.
Circle 291

Kenwood Booths 1048, 1050, 1149, 1151
Communications
Existing products _____
 Conventional portables, mobiles, base stations,
 repeaters; full line of trunked portables, mobiles
 and repeaters; options and accessories for all
 product lines.
New products _____

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 width coverage. VHF: 5W max./UHF: 4W max.
Circle 292 See ad page 59

LDV/Lynch Display Vans Booth 1030
Existing products _____
 Command center; Haz-Mat/rescue vehicles.
Circle 293

LeBlanc Communications Booth 946
Existing products _____
 Emergency restoration services; systems integra-
 tion; installation and maintenance support; self-
 supporting, guyed and monopole towers.
New products _____
 Quik Quote tower design and proposal software.
Circle 294

MaSys Booth 440
Existing products _____
 Enfors/CAD public safety system; other demon-
 strations available for records, jail systems.
New products _____
 Enfors/mapping.
Circle 295

Microwave Data Systems Booth 118
Existing products _____
 MDS 960A analog point-to-point radio.
New products _____
 MDS 450D/950D digital point-to-point radio.
Circle 296



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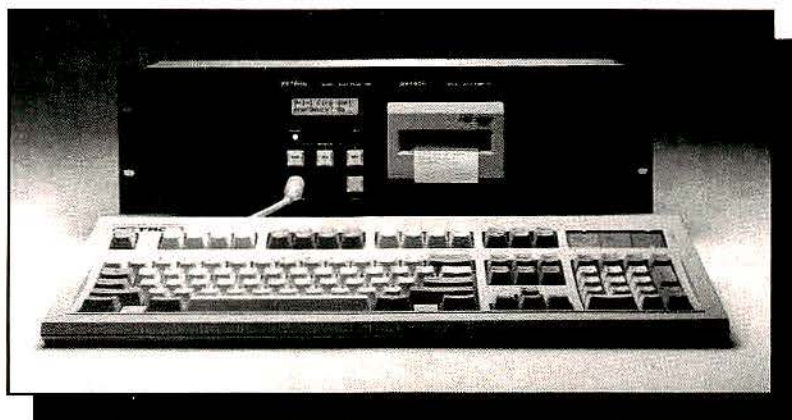
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Midland Land Mobile Radio Booth 720

Existing products _____
XTR series mobile and portable radios; Syn-Tech II mobiles and base stations; Base-Tech base stations and repeaters; Syn-Tech II vehicular repeaters.

New products _____
Midland 70-147, 22-channel portable; Midland 70-148, 99-channel portable.

Circle 297 See ad page 41

Mobile Radio Technology Booth 1140

Existing products _____
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Circle 298

Northpoint Communications Booth 507

Products _____
Existing products _____
Low-profile mobile antennas available for all cellular, UHF and SMR mobile applications.

New products _____
LoPro mobile antennas; Models NP4000 and NP4500 cover UHF frequency ranges; NP8000 covers cellular frequency range; NP8500 covers SMR frequency range.

Circle 299

Orbacom Systems Booths 733, 735, 737

Existing products _____
The TDM-150 series distributed microprocessor console systems, including module-based, CRT-based with touchscreen, mouse or trackball operation and furniture.

New products _____
The Calida+ desktop console—the Calida with additional features and capabilities.

Circle 300 See ad page 27

PacketCluster Systems Booths 1043, 1045

Existing products _____
Mobile data communications systems for public safety.

New products _____
Mobile data systems with CAD/RMS interface and automatic vehicle location.

Circle 301

Pagetek Booth 907

Existing products _____
Protek-24 remote monitor, alert and control system; Protek-Jr. remote monitor, alert and control system.

New products _____

The Protektor tower light alarm system.

Circle 302 See classified ads

Plant Equipment Booth 218

Existing products _____
Electrokey; MAARS (Modular ANI/ALI Retrieval System); Comcentrex; MAARS-View.

New products _____
Vesta combines computer technology with telephony services to provide a solution to the growing needs of the modern call taker.

Circle 303

PolyPhaser Booths 644, 646

Existing products _____
Grounding and "lightning arrestor" products for coax, twisted pair ac and dc power.

New products _____
3 Peep earthed entrance panel; Uni-Kit 2 grounding kit; IS-CT50HN cellular coaxial lightning "arrestor" with sampling port; IS-PM240 safety approve ac power lightning "arrestor."

Circle 304 See ad page 86

Public Safety Systems Booths 219-229

Existing products _____
Computer-aided dispatch; records management; crime analysis; investigative management systems.

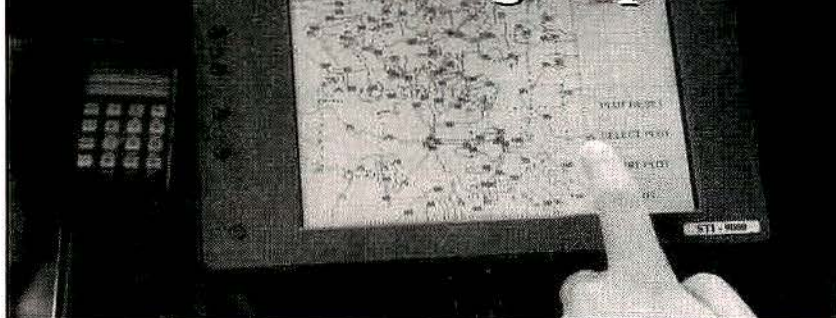
Circle 305

Racal Recorders Booths 748, 750

Existing products _____

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WordSafe; WordSafe Maxima; Model 22.

New products

Rapidax Ranger.

Circle 306

RAM/BSE Booths 844, 846, 943, 945, 947
Systems Development

Existing products

Integrated public safety solutions; project management and applications including: CAD, RMS, message switching, intelligent workstations, public (Mobitex) and private mobile data systems, GIS, wireless mail system.

Circle 307

RAM Communications
Consultants

Booth 840

Existing products

Full-service consulting company that specializes in public safety communications systems, including E9-1-1, CAD, AVL, addressing, mapping and communications center design.

Circle 308

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RAM Mobile Data Booths 844-850, 945-951

Existing products

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location; messaging and imaging. Hardware includes vehicle-mounted or hand-held pen-based terminals or terminals with keyboards.

Circle 309

ReIm Communications

Booth 1041

Existing products

WHS series VHF & UHF portable scanning radios; PT series VHF & UHF portable radios; RSP series VHF & UHF portable scanning radios; RM series, SM series lowband, VHF & UHF mobile scanning radios; SL series VHF & UHF mobile radios.

New products

WHS150 VHF portable scanning radios; WHS450 UHF portable scanning radios; UC2200 VHF portable radios; UC4200 UHF portable radios; SMV4016, SMV4099 VHF mobile scanning two-way radios; SMU2516, SMU2599 UHF mobile scanning two-way radios.

Circle 310

See ad page 90. IBC

Rescue 911/Katy
Film Productions

Booth 404

Circle 311

Rohn

Booth 640

Existing products

Self-supporting towers; guyed towers; concrete equipment shelters; fiberglass equipment shelters; concrete poles; steel poles; walk-in equipment cabinets.

Circle 312

Sabre Communications

Booth 147

Existing products

Full line of both guyed and self-supporting towers, as well as complete turnkey installation services.

Circle 313

Scala Electronic

Booth 349

Existing products

Americell panel antennas, 90°, 105° for trunking systems; Miniflector and Panaflector antennas for point-to-point 960MHz and spread-spectrum applications; Omni antennas for trunking, two-way, paging and indoor communications.

New products

65° Americell panel antenna for trunking applications; wall-mount indoor antenna for paging and trunking systems.

Circle 314

Schlumberger Technologies

Booth 201

Existing products

4015 Stabilock radio test set with EDACS software.

New products

4032 Stabilock with high-speed spectrum analyzer.

Circle 315

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Scientific Dimensions

Booth 134

Existing products

SDI slide mounts; SDI series 5000 modular

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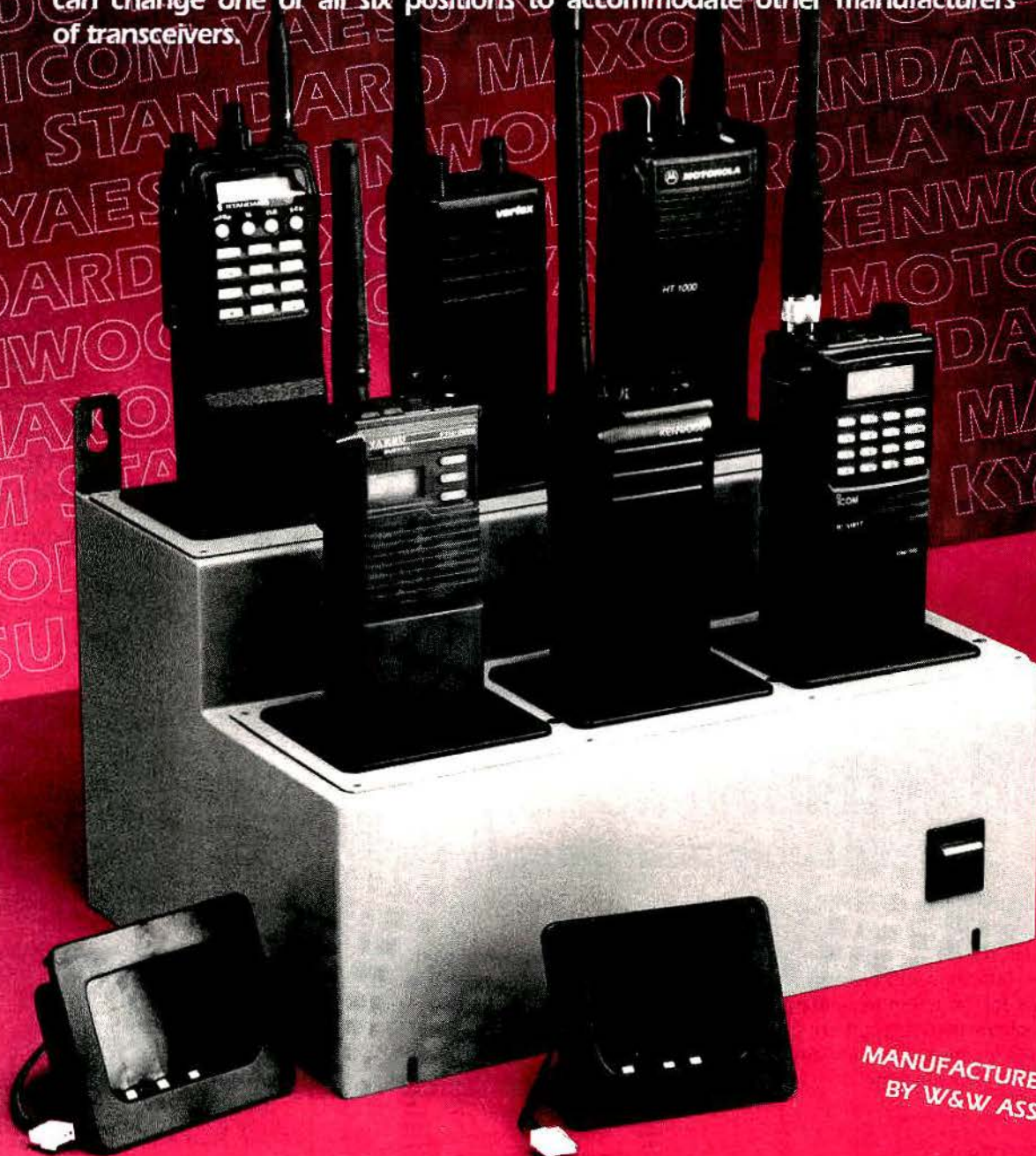
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New products _____
SDI 7200 console mount; SDI 7800 Safe Zone templates; SDI series 1500 flexible mounts; SDI 7300/7400 cage box/bracket.

Circle 316 See classified ads

Sel-Tronics Booth 912

Existing products _____
E1000 digital voice logger/playback monitor remote control.
New products _____
Model E101R multi-station instant recall.

Circle 317

Skaggs Booth 504

Telecommunications Service

Existing products _____
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New products _____
STS surveillance vehicle module; 2700 Visual Patrol in-car video unit; component console—moveable countertop version.

Circle 318

SKC Communication Products Booth 802

Existing products _____
Plantronics headsets.

New products _____
Plantronics noise-canceling (H31N, H51N, H61N) telephone headsets.

Circle 319

Slattery Software Booth 805

Existing products _____
FCC licensing software—Forms 574, 402, 401A, 401B and 494.

New products _____
FCC licensing software, version 6, for laser printers.

Circle 320

SMC Electro-Mount Booths 300, 302

Existing products _____
VCC series vehicular communications consoles; S2000 series stack mounts, MDT mounts, laptop mounts.

New products _____
VCC-EX vehicular communications console; VMSEA-SM laptop computer mounting system with lock; EMDT-1 ElectroCom MDT mount system; MOMD-T Motorola 9100 MDT mount system.

Circle 321 See ad page 60

Sonic Communications Booth 347

Existing products _____
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Circle 322 See ad page 22

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Circle 323

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Stancil Booth 540

Existing products _____
Recall/PPBR series VHS 32-track logging recorders; SIR series solid-state instant recall.

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Stanilite Electronics Booths 100, 102

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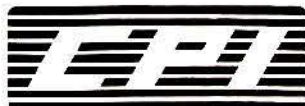
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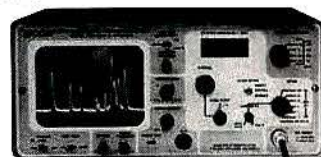
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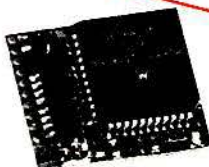
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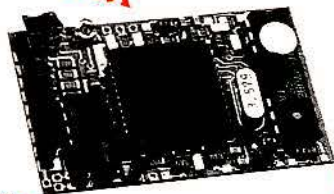
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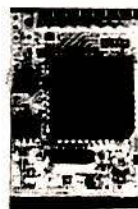


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Circle 327

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Booth 209

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Booths 518, 520, 522

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New products

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Circle 336

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New products

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Existing products

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Circle 339

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Valmont Industries

Booth 641

Existing products

Monopoles; freestanding and guyed towers; installation services.

New products

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Circle 340

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Existing products

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New products

C-1614R rack-mount six-line, four-frequency tone remote; XP-2 cross-patch for C-5112 ten-line remote console.

Circle 341

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Warning Systems

Booth 346

Existing products

Onalert tone alert radio receivers; Warnalert.

Circle 342

Whelen Engineering

Booths 301, 303

Existing products

Controls for public warning systems: E-864 MP encoder status display and printer; Commstay Commander; ECP864 event control panel; WPS-2800-4 high-power voice and siren system; emergency vehicle siren and lighting products; Edge series lightbar traffic advisor.

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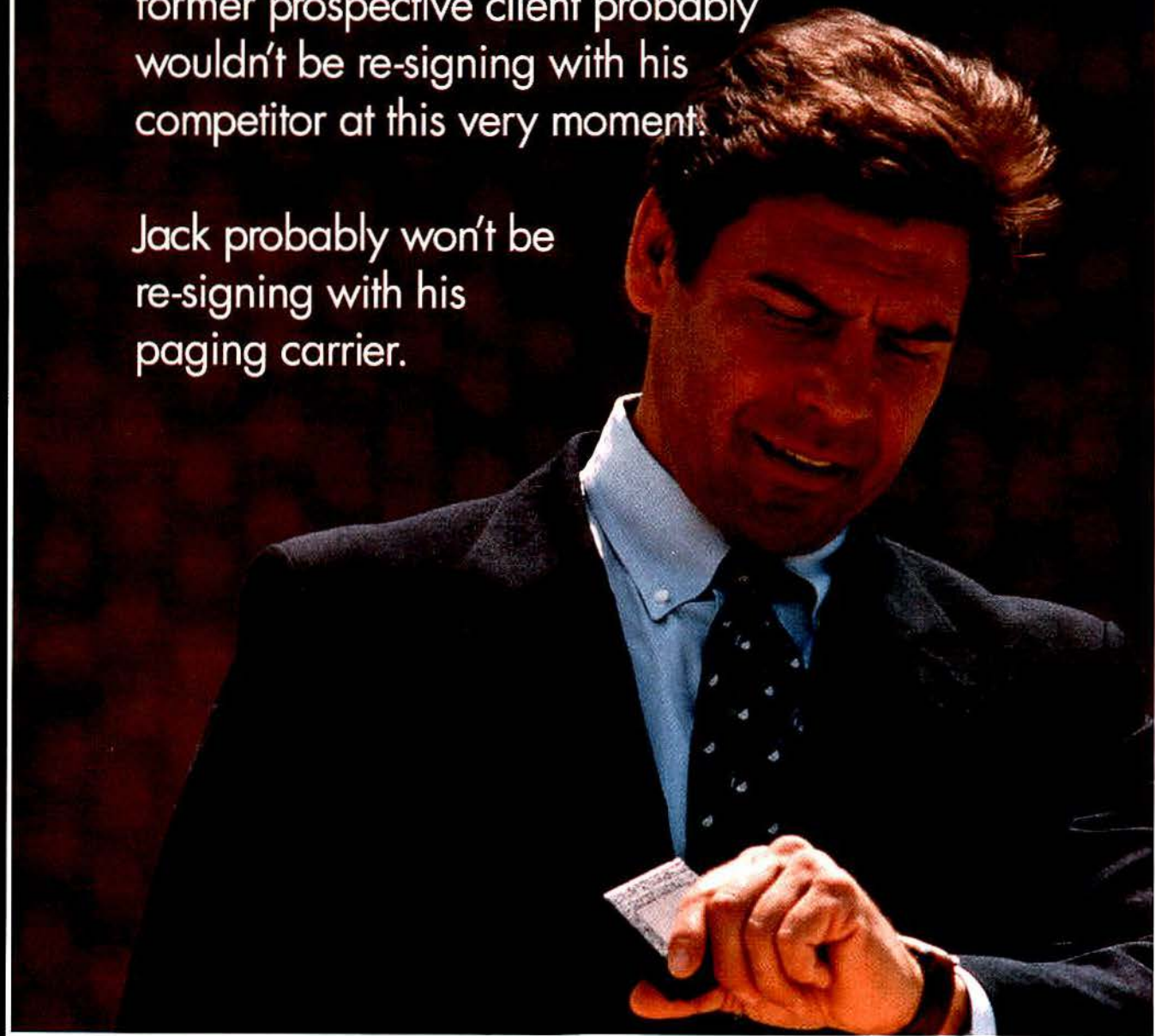
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Technically speaking

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$$1) \quad D = \sqrt{2h}$$

where D = line of sight distance to horizon in miles
 h = tower height in feet

$$2) \quad D = \sqrt{2h_1} + \sqrt{2h_2}$$

where D = line of sight distance between two towers in miles
 h_1 = height of first tower in feet
 h_2 = height of second tower in feet

$$3) \quad r_1 = 31.67 \sqrt{\frac{\lambda D_1 D_2}{D_1 + D_2}}$$

where r_1 = first Fresnel zone in meters
 λ = wavelength in meters
 D_1 = shorter distance in kilometers
 D_2 = longer distance in kilometers

$$4) \quad r_1 = 548.33 \sqrt{\frac{D_1 D_2}{F(D_1 + D_2)}}$$

where r_1 = first Fresnel zone in meters
 F = frequency in MHz
 D_1 = shorter distance in kilometers
 D_2 = longer distance in kilometers

$$5) \quad r_1 = 2,280 \sqrt{\frac{D_1 D_2}{F(D_1 + D_2)}}$$

where r_1 = first Fresnel zone in meters
 F = frequency in MHz
 D_1 = shorter distance in miles
 D_2 = longer distance in miles

$$6) \quad L = 20 \log D + 20 \log F + 32.3$$

where L = free-space path loss in decibels between halfwave dipoles
 D = distance in miles
 F = frequency in MHz

$$7) \quad r_N = r_1 \sqrt{N}$$

where r_N = Nth Fresnel zone
 r_1 = first Fresnel zone
 N = integer (2, 3, ...)

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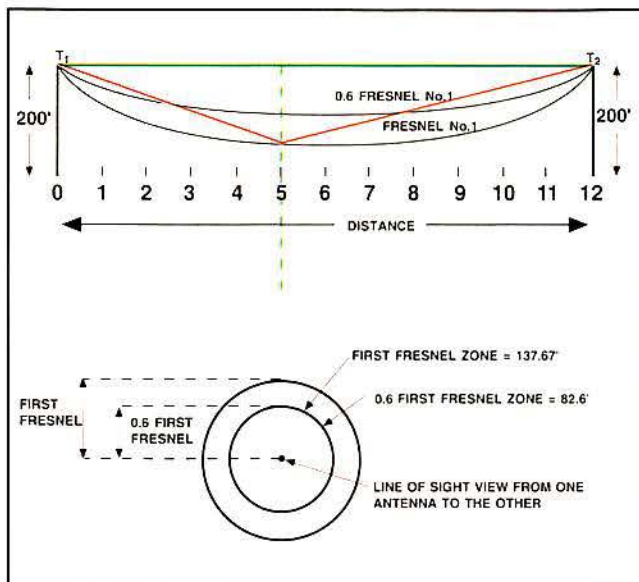


Figure 3. Towers T_1 and T_2 are separated by 12 miles. The curved lines represent the limits of the first Fresnel zone and 60% first Fresnel zone. The straight green line represents the direct path between the two antennas. The solid lines bounded by the first Fresnel zone represent the indirect path. The indirect path bounded by the first Fresnel zone is 0.5λ longer than the direct path. The first Fresnel zone completely surrounds the direct path as shown at the lower part of the figure. The actual shape of the Fresnel zone would resemble an elongated football surrounding the line-of-sight path.

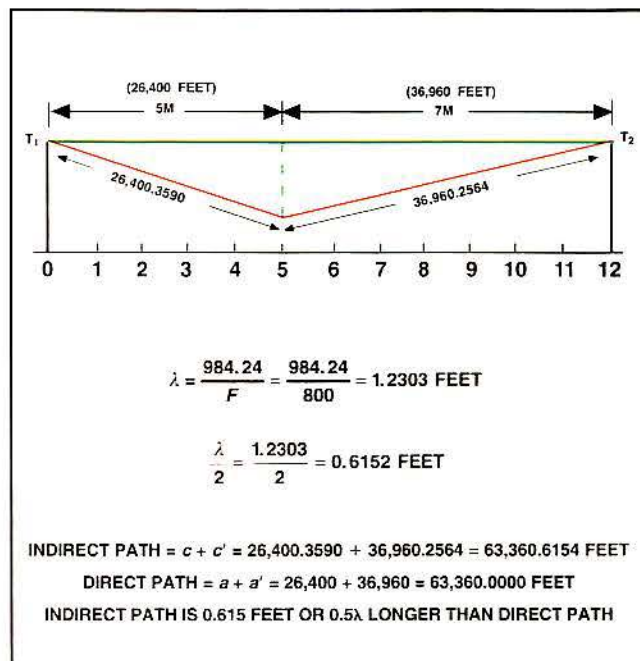


Figure 4. This drawing represents the direct and indirect path of the same towers shown in Figure 3. Line b , extending down from the direct path, represents the radius of the first Fresnel zone at a distance of 5 miles from tower T_1 . The direct path is equal to $a + a'$. The indirect path is equal to $c + c'$, and is 0.5λ longer than the direct path.

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Formula 2 in the sidebar can be rearranged to find the required height of the second tower if the required radio line-of-sight distance D and the height of the first tower (h_1) are known. It is rearranged as follows:

$$h_2 = \frac{(D - \sqrt{2h_1})^2}{2}$$

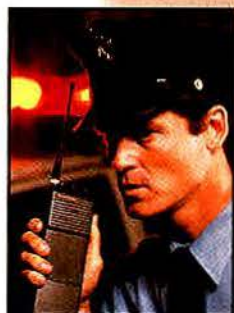
Remember, these calculations are for radio line-of-sight over smooth earth. Unfortunately, the earth is not very smooth in many places. The profile of the earth's terrain must be taken into account when establishing radio line-of-sight communication between two fixed points.

One way of constructing a path profile is to use a topographic map to compute the various elevations between the two fixed points and then plot them on $4/3$ earth curvature profile paper. (See Figure 2 on page 8.) Here, using the lowest scales, the height of tower A is 100 feet, and the height of tower B is 200 feet. The terrain profile (compiled from topographic maps) has been sketched in. Although there is a hill about 7.4 miles from tower A, there is a clear line-of-sight path between towers A and B.

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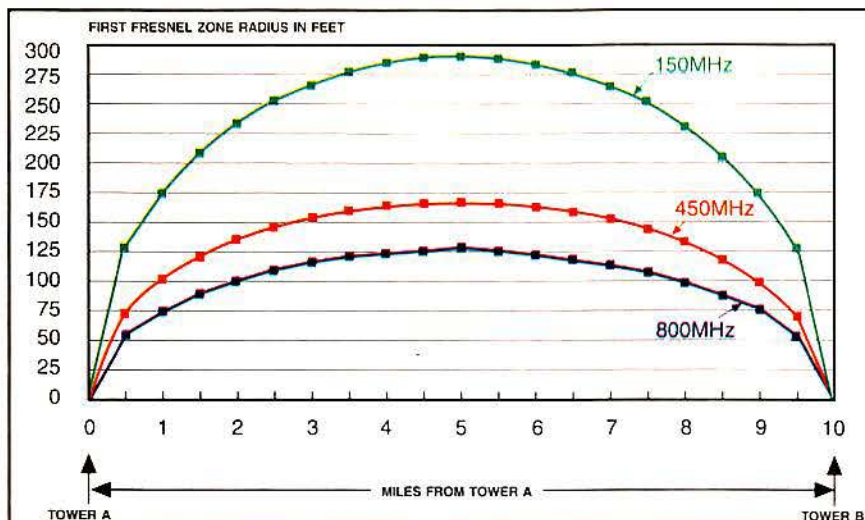


Figure 5. This graph shows the radius of the first Fresnel zone at three frequencies at any point between two towers separated by 10 miles. Notice how much smaller the first Fresnel zone radius is at 800MHz compared to 150MHz.

something close to it), an extra margin of clearance (more than radio line-of-sight) must be provided. For example, in Figure 2, even though radio line-of-sight exists between towers A and B, free-space attenuation is not achieved because of *diffraction* loss caused by the hill at distance

D_1 from tower A. To achieve almost free-space attenuation between towers A and B, at least 60% of the first Fresnel zone must clear the obstruction (hill).

Fresnel zone

The Fresnel zone is best described by

example. Figure 3 on page 58 shows the first Fresnel zone and 0.6 first Fresnel zone for a line-of-sight path between two antennas separated by 12 miles at a frequency of 800MHz. In practice, it is desirable to have at least 0.6 first Fresnel zone clearance to achieve almost free-space attenuation between two antennas.

In Figure 3, the first Fresnel zone radius extends 137.67 feet outward from the line-of-sight path at the five-mile point. This zone would completely encircle the line-of-sight path as shown at the bottom of Figure 3. The maximum extension of the first Fresnel zone radius would occur at the midpoint in the transmission path (at the six-mile point in the example in Figure 3). The direct path is indicated by the straight dashed line between towers T_1 and T_2 . The indirect path is indicated by the two solid lines that meet at the first Fresnel zone radius. For the first Fresnel zone, the indirect path is one-half wavelength ($\lambda/2$) longer than the direct path. This is shown more clearly in Figure 4 on page 58.

Referring to Figure 4, line b is the radius of the first Fresnel zone. The indirect path ($c + c'$) is 63,360.6154 feet. The direct path ($a + a'$) is 63,360.0000 feet. Thus, the indirect path is 0.6154 feet longer than the direct path. This distance (0.6154 feet) is equal to $\lambda/2$ at 800MHz.

At any point between the two towers (T_1 and T_2), where b is the radius of the first Fresnel zone, the indirect path ($c + c'$) will always be $\lambda/2$ longer than the direct path ($a + a'$). Distances c and c' are found from the Pythagorean theorem:

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Frequency versus Fresnel zone

As the frequency increases, the radius of the first Fresnel zone becomes smaller, thus drawing closer to the direct line-of-sight path and requiring less clearance between the direct line-of-sight path and any obstruction. This reduction is illustrated by Figure 5 above, which shows the radius of the first Fresnel zone at three frequencies (150MHz, 450MHz and 800MHz) between two antennas 10 miles apart. Notice the difference between the first Fresnel zone radius at 150MHz and 800MHz.

Computerized terrain profiles

As mentioned earlier, profile paper with $4/3$ earth curvature can be used to plot terrain profiles on a particular radial or azimuth between two fixed points. Even so, this requires careful interpretation of topographic maps, and many points must be plotted on the profile paper to give sufficient resolution of the profile. This can

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take up a lot of valuable time.

The alternative is to use a software package that includes terrain profile data (elevations). The software can generate a complete terrain profile graph in a short time while you take care of other business.

Figure 6 on page 64 shows a computer-generated profile path with a 0.6 first Fresnel zone radius added. The dashed lines in the figure were not generated by the program, but have been added to show

that 60% of the first Fresnel zone radius at a distance of 3.5 miles (from the antenna on the left) is 151.75 feet. This figure is the same as what would result from applying Formula 5 in the equations sidebar and then multiplying the result by 0.6 to get 60% of the first Fresnel zone.

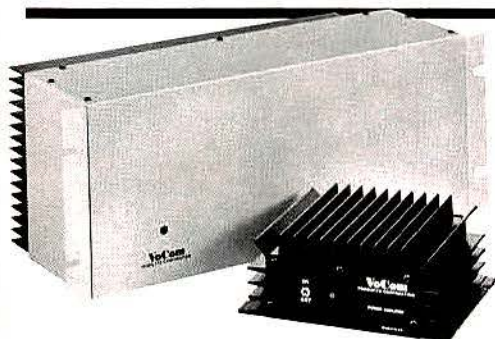
Figure 6 shows that the antenna elevations do not offer clearance of 60% first Fresnel zone between them. Therefore, the path loss will be greater than free-space

path loss. If clearance of 60% first Fresnel zone is desirable, the antenna height can be increased. This change is shown in Figure 7 on page 64 where the antenna height is 1,000 feet above mean-sea-level as compared to 910 feet in Figure 6. The result is a good clearance of 60% first Fresnel zone, which will result in minimal diffraction loss from the obstruction and which will yield almost free-space path loss between the two points.

If the operating frequency were 800MHz instead of 160MHz, the clearance would be 60% first Fresnel zone without raising the antenna height. (See Figure 8 on page 64.) Notice that 60% first Fresnel zone in Figure 8 is much smaller in radius than for the 160MHz 60% first Fresnel zone shown in Figure 6.

Figure 9 on page 64 shows a 50-mile path with the $\frac{4}{3}$ earth curvature drawn by

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computer. Note the considerable mid-earth bulge at the midway point on the path. Even if the terrain were extremely smooth, considerable antenna heights would be required to overcome the mid-earth bulge.

Even when line-of-sight paths are established with proper Fresnel zone clearance, problems can occur that yield results much worse than free-space propagation conditions. Figure 10 on page 66 depicts a situation described to me by George Weimer of Trott Communications Group, Irving, TX. In the San Francisco area, under normal weather conditions a good, clear, line-of-sight path exists between the antennas in the example. During a temperature inversion, a thick fog layer forms and reflects radio waves (as shown by the dashed lines), resulting in a significant increase in the path loss between the two antennas.

The solution is to allow enough *fade margin* in the design to cover such anomalies. Too much built-in fade margin drives up the cost, whereas too little may severely reduce the path reliability, causing

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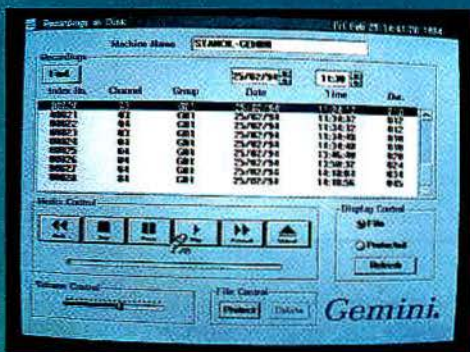


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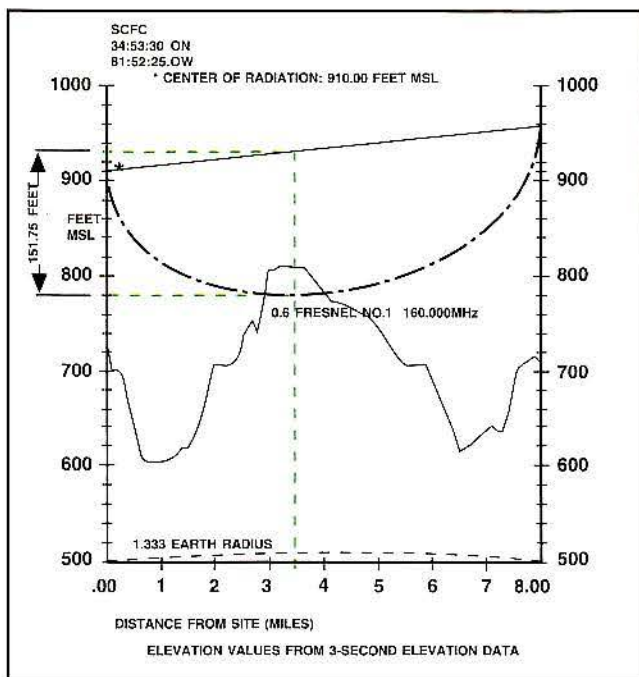


Figure 6. This terrain profile graph shows that a line-of-sight path exists between the tower on left and tower on right. Even so, at 160MHz, the path does not include 60% clearance of the first Fresnel zone. This graph was plotted with SoftWright's terrain analysis package (TAP) software.)

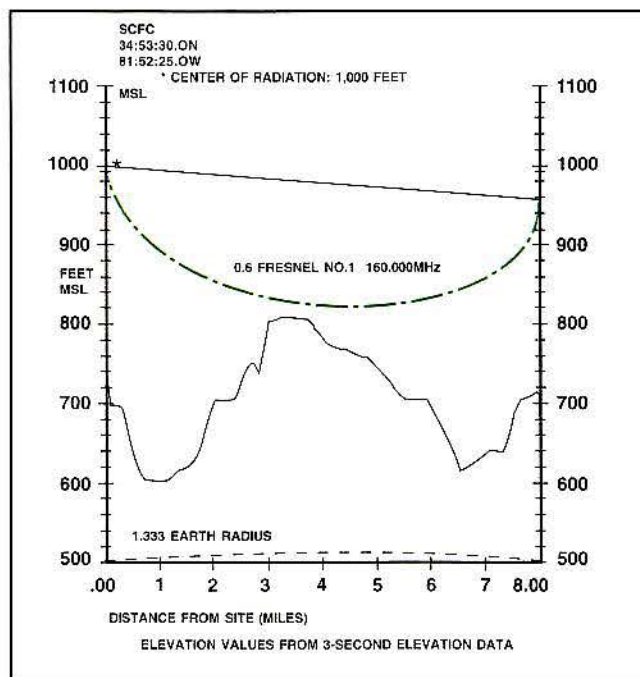


Figure 7. The tower on the left has been raised by 90 feet (compared to the same tower in Figure 6) to achieve more than 60% first Fresnel zone clearance over the obstruction 3.5 miles away. This graph was plotted with TAP software.

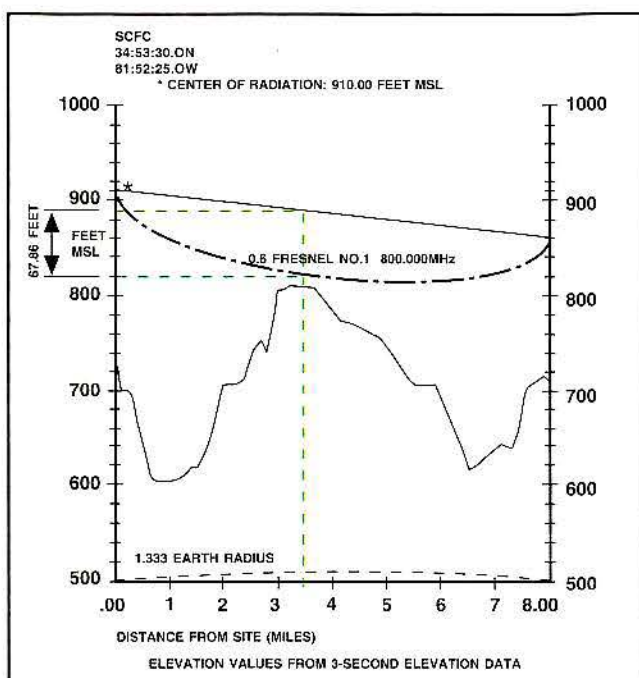


Figure 8. This terrain profile graph compares an 800MHz Fresnel zone and a 160MHz Fresnel zone. Note from Figure 7 that the left tower had to be 1,000 feet above mean sea level to achieve 60% first Fresnel zone clearance. Here, at 800MHz, 60% first Fresnel zone clearance is achieved with a tower height of 910 feet above mean sea level. The drawback is that the free-space path loss at 800MHz is about 14dB greater than the free-space path loss at 160MHz. This graph was plotted with TAP software.

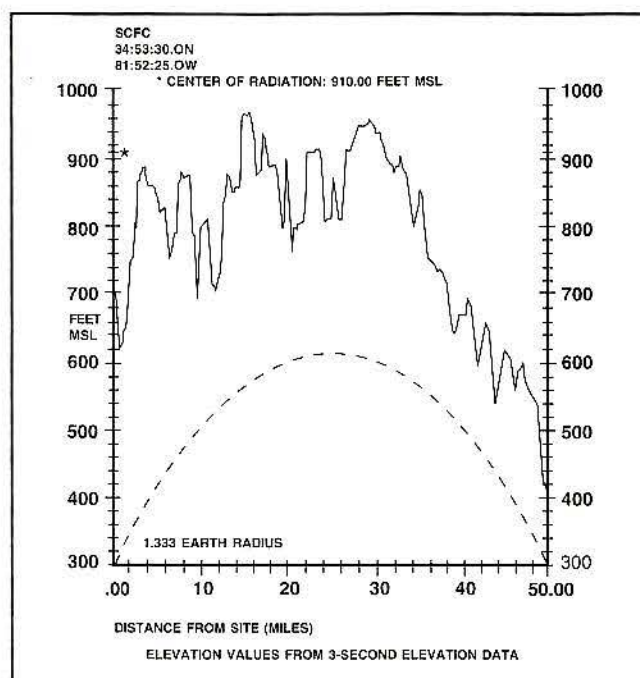
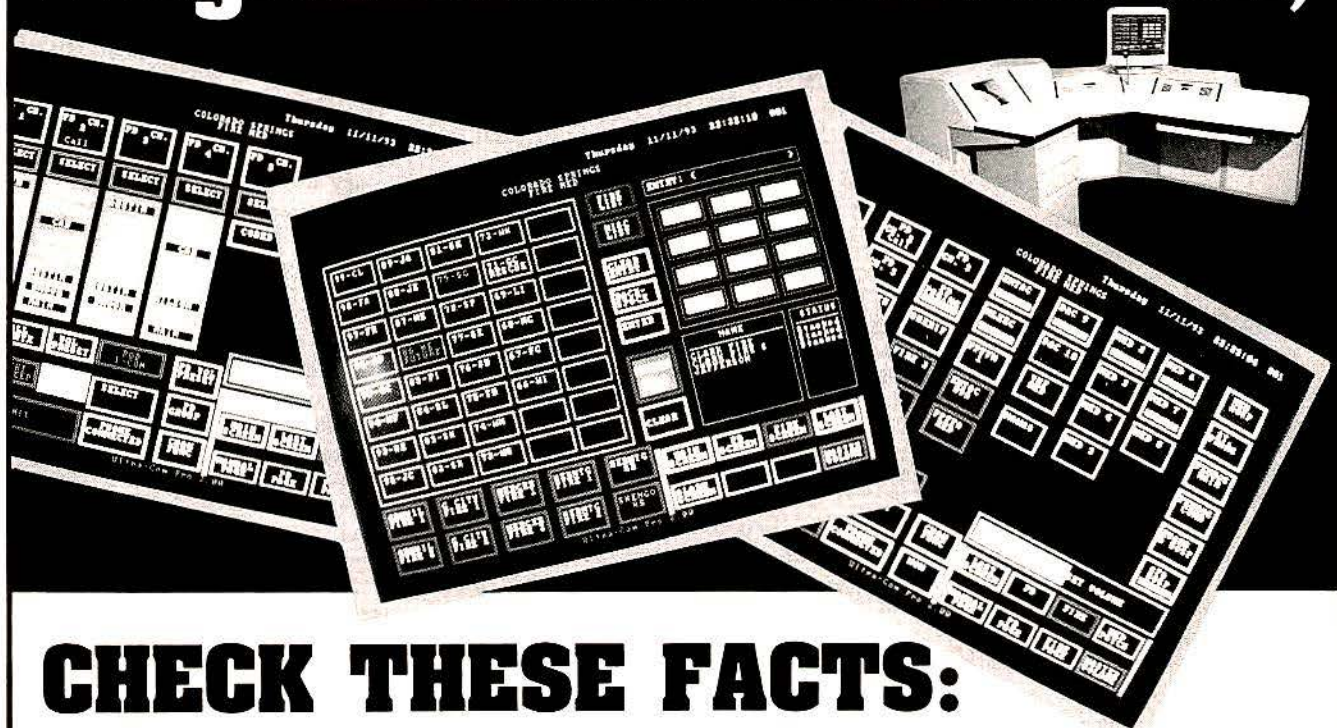


Figure 9: This terrain profile graph shows the tremendous effect of the earth's curvature over longer path distances. Tower heights greater than 300 feet would be required at each end of the path merely to clear the 'smooth earth's' curvature. Add to that the actual terrain profile, and the required tower heights for a line-of-sight path would be approximately 980 feet - 300 feet = 680 feet on each side. To achieve 60% first Fresnel zone clearance would require substantially greater tower heights. This graph was plotted with TAP software.

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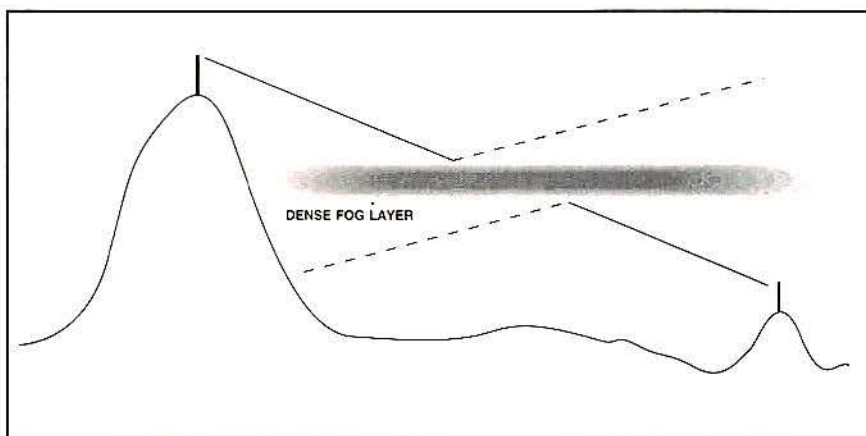


Figure 10. A dense fog layer has formed at a height between the two antenna heights. As a result, the signal from the higher antenna is reflected from the top of the layer, and the signal from the lower antenna is reflected from the bottom of the layer, resulting in significant attenuation to the path.

temporary interruptions in communications. Fade margins of 25dB to 30dB are often adequate, but there are special circumstances (such as this fog example) where a much higher fade margin might be required if the communications path is to be highly reliable. Use a common-sense approach along with your technical knowledge and data to find the "happy medium"

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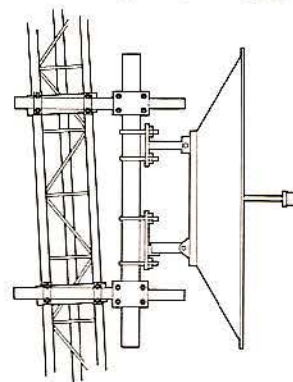
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By Larry Watkins

More than 45 million Americans have one or more physical or mental disability, and with the rapid population growth, this number is increasing. Historically, society has tended to segregate individuals with disabilities in such critical areas as transportation. Today, cities are making public transportation more accessible to disabled citizens by complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Watkins is senior principal engineer at Harris Corporation's Electronic Systems Division in Melbourne, FL.

In January 1990, Congress passed the ADA as a comprehensive national mandate to eliminate discrimination against individuals with disabilities. One provision requires transit authorities to provide a broad range of special services for the disabled. In October 1991, a law was passed requiring city buses on fixed route systems to adequately serve the sight- and hearing-impaired by announcing and prominently displaying within the bus indications for the next-stop and for major intersections. Route and destination information also must be announced and displayed externally as the bus arrives at each bus stop.

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Transit communications

The standard transit communication system infrastructure includes a multisite radio system supported by a digital microwave backbone network. (See Figure 1 on page 70.) Transit radio systems are licensed in the 450MHz band, although the use of trunked 800MHz frequencies is increasing. Larger systems incorporate simulcast transmitters and voted receivers; smaller systems use one transmitter site. Whether to use simulcast, multisite control or single-site designs is dictated by the unique system coverage and operational requirements of each transit authority.

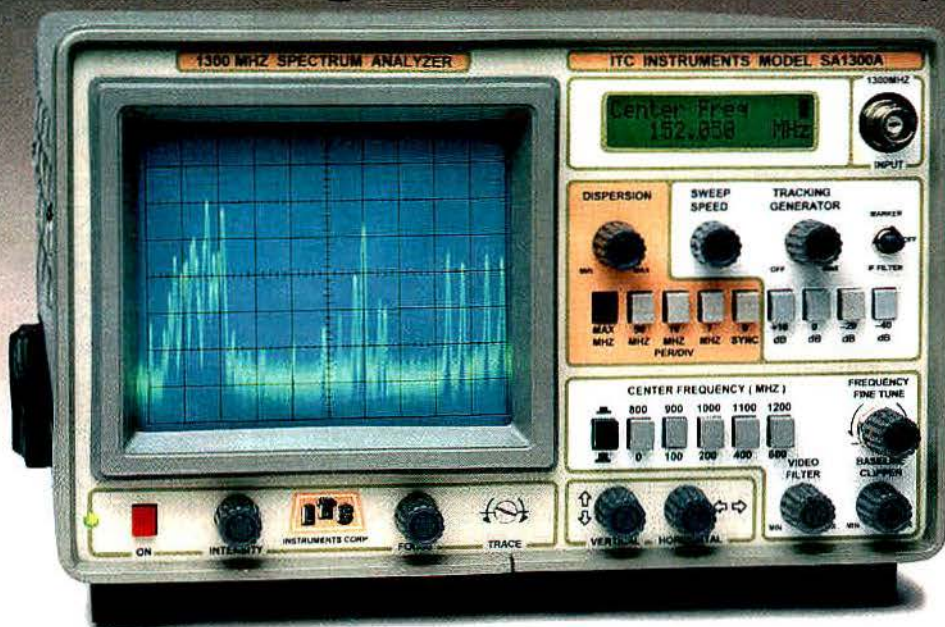
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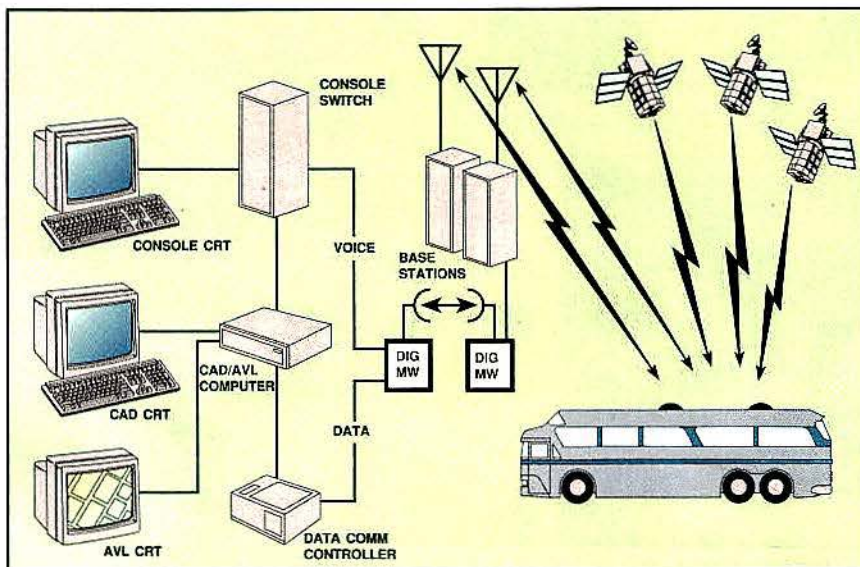


Figure 1. The standard transit communication system infrastructure includes a multisite radio system supported by a digital microwave backbone network.

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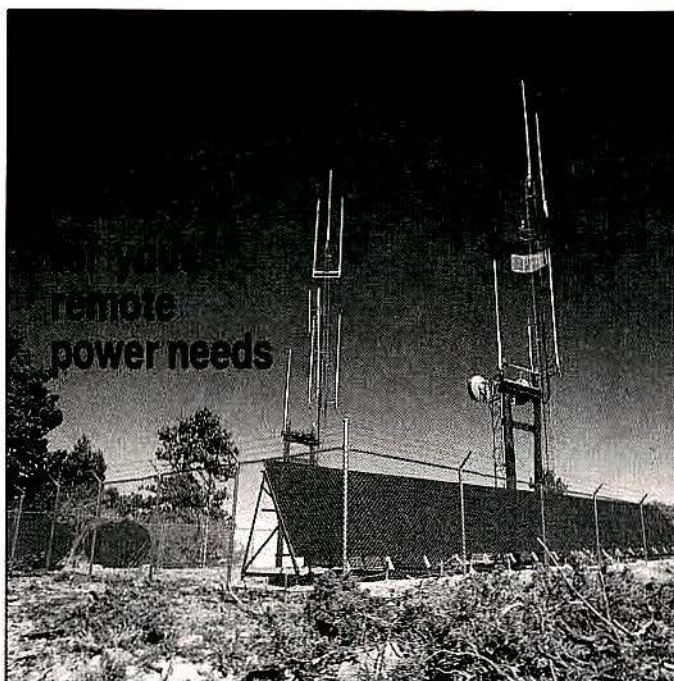
and radio modems typically reside in a data communications controller (DCC) as shown in Figure 1. The DCC handles real-time information and commands to and from the computer-aided dispatch (CAD)/

AVL terminals and associated databases.

Aboard the bus, data communications control resides in a vehicle logic unit. (See Figure 2 on page 72.) The VLU manages interfaces with the transit control head and onboard subsystems, including the internal GPS receiver. In most existing systems, interconnection between the VLU and peripheral devices uses a combination of RS-232C and vendor proprietary interfaces. Most new systems will use the SAE J1708 data bus for on-vehicle communications.

Unlike other radio services, access to voice channels in transit systems is tightly managed from the dispatch center through a *request to talk* (RTT) and *channel grant* protocol. When the driver pushes a request-to-talk button on the transit control head, the VLU formats and transmits the request via the data channel. Each data transmission also includes the bus identification number, the route-run-block number, the driver ID number, a vehicle location update and other data as applicable.

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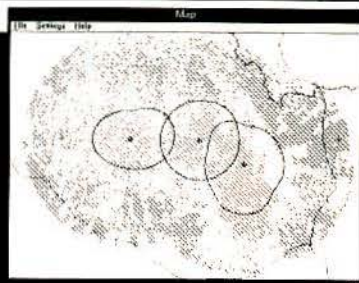
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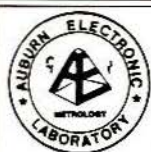
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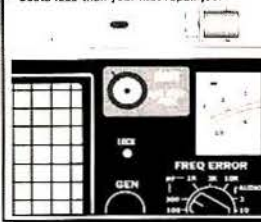
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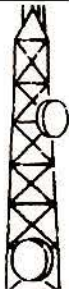
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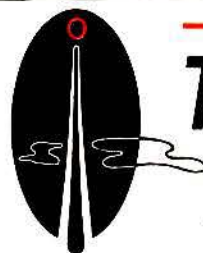
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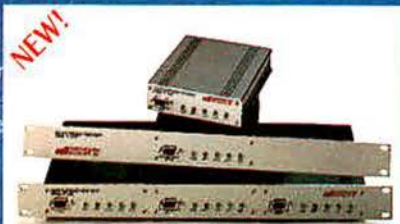
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